

- (b) the names of the collieries ;
- (c) the number of workers affected in each colliery ; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to reopen these collieries ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House, when received.

**Training Scheme for Workers' Participation in Management of Industries**

\*711. SHRI M. M. JOSEPH : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any special training scheme to prepare workers for effective participation in the management of industries through Joint Management Councils at the Plant level has been proposed by the Central Board for workers Education in some States of the country ; and

(b) if so, the benefits in implementing such schemes ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) and (b). The Central Board for Workers' Education has been organizing four-weeks' programmes at suitable Centres for training members of Works Committees and Joint Management Councils. The programme aims at orienting the participants to their role as members of these groups. No other special training scheme is proposed.

**Accumulation in sugar factories, Uttar Pradesh**

\*712. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that huge stocks are held up by sugar factories in Uttar Pradesh ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to solve this problem ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) The stocks of sugar with factories in Uttar Pradesh on the 7th June, 1971 were 12.10 lakh tonnes as against 11.93 lakh tonnes on the corresponding date last year.

(b) All restrictions on price, distribution and movement of sugar have been removed with effect from the 25th of May, 1971, except that releases for sale of sugar by factories will continue to be regulated. Government is giving liberal releases of sugar for sale.

**Loss Suffered by Food Corporation of India on Account of Transport and Storage Difficulties**

\*713. SHRI S. N. MISRA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the loss suffered by Food Corporation of India in the years 1969-70 and 1970-71 on account of transport and storage difficulties ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) : It is not possible to work out the precise loss suffered by the Food Corporation of India specifically on account of transport and storage difficulties alone. During 1969-70 and 1970-71 the transit and storage loss due to various factors such as damage due to rain, transit and storage losses worked out to about 0.92% of the total turn over.

**Working of Indo-German Agricultural Project for Farming in Himalayan Region**

\*714. SHRI K. C. PANDEY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Indo-German agricultural project (IGADA) is working to boost farming in Himalayan region with its multifarious activities ;

(b) if so, the activities of the IGADA in the region and the terms of agreement ; and

(c) its achievements so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir. There is an Indo-German Agricultural Project located in Almora (U.P.).

(b) and (c). A statement is placed on the table of the Sabha.

### *Statement*

The agreement on the Almora Project was signed on 31.7.1969 between the Government of India and the Government of Federal Republic of Germany. The agreement is valid for a period of three years. The agreement provides for carrying out the following activities for the development of Agriculture in the District of Almora.

- (i) Agricultural Development including fodder cultivation ;
- (ii) Animal Husbandry and Animal Nutrition ;
- (iii) Growing and processing of fruits, vegetables including potatoes ;
- (iv) Plant Protection and pest and diseases control ;
- (v) Agricultural water management, irrigation and soil conservation ;
- (vi) Agricultural Engineering and mechanisation ;
- (vii) Other related fields as mutually agreed between the contracting parties.

Under the agreement the Government of Federal Republic of Germany has provided a team of experts and also some equipment and means of production like fertilisers etc. The Government of India provides the necessary Indian staff, funds and all other assistance necessary for the implementation of the project.

The area covered under High Yielding Varieties Programme was 13,900 acres during the quarter ending June, 1970 against the

total achievement of about 2,243 acres during the last Kharif 1969 for the corresponding period. The area covered during Rabi 1969-70 under the programme is 10,161 acres as against the 6,000 acres during the last Rabi 1968-69.

12,800 farmers have been trained during the Kharif, 1970 against 3,502 farmers trained during the last Kharif. 260 quintals of seeds were distributed during 1969-70 as against the 478.42 qtls. during 1968-69. Distribution of fertilisers during Rabi and Kharif 1969-70 amounted to 295.5 M. Tons and 131 M. Tons as against 174 M. Tons and 103 M. Tons of fertilizers during 1968-69 in terms of Plant Nutrients. To boost the off take of fertilisers single factor fertiliser demonstrations as well as composite demonstrations are also being taken up.

1455 soil samples were analysed upto June, 1970 by the Soil testing laboratory Nainital to ensure success in the Agriculture Programme. The target for 1970-71 is 12,750 soil samples.

A number of other programmes such as improved agricultural implements (workshop) demonstrations, training publicity, horticulture and soil conservation are also in progress.

### **वनस्पति बी के निर्माण में चरबी का प्रयोग**

\*715. श्री नाथू राम अहिरवार : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को पता लगा है कि साबुन बनाने में प्रयोग की जाने वाली चरबी का प्रयोग वनस्पति बी बनाने में किया जा रहा है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस संबंध में सरकार का विचार क्या कार्यवाही करने का है ?

कृषि मन्त्रालय में राख्य मंत्री (श्री जेए सिन्हा) : (क) जी यही। वनस्पति फंक्शनों के