

Project for Nutritious Food for Children and Expectant Mothers

25. SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 170 on the 31st May, 1971 and state :

(a) whether any foreign assistance has been sought for the project providing nutritious food through inexpensive way to the pre-school children and pregnant mothers ; and

(b) if so, the time by which the proposal will be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA) : (a) Foreign assistance has not been sought for any new general nutrition project for the distribution of food to pre-school children and pregnant mothers. However a scheme for Nutritional supplements for pregnant mothers and infants has been included in the project for the intensification of the family planning programme in two divisions, one in Uttar Pradesh and another in Mysore, which is under negotiation with the World Bank.

(b) The details of the Project are yet to be finalised and negotiations for an agreement with the World Bank are expected to be finalised by the middle of next year. Implementation will begin thereafter.

Discussion on Inter-State Movement of Rice and Public Distribution System of Food-grains at State Food Ministers' Conference held in New Delhi in October 1971

26. SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO :
SHRI HARI KISHOR SINGH :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the question of Inter-State movement of rice and public distribution system of foodgrains had been discussed during the State Food Ministers' Conference held recently in New Delhi ; and

(b) if so, the main points thereof and nature of the decision taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It was decided that the present inter-State restrictions on movement of rice should continue. It was also decided to strengthen and enlarge the existing public distribution system by opening additional fair price shops wherever necessary.

भारतीय बीज निगम द्वारा बिहार को बीजों की सप्लाई में विलम्ब तथा अन्य राज्यों को उनका वितरण

27. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारतीय बीज निगम ने बिहार सरकार के अनेक बार अनुरोध करने के बावजूद भी राज्य को बीजों की सप्लाई समय पर नहीं की ;

(ख) बीजों की सप्लाई का राज्यवार व्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस महीने में बिहार सरकार को कितने टन तथा कितनी किस्म के बीज सप्लाई किये जा रहे हैं ?

कृषि मन्त्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अण्णासाहेब पी० शिन्डे) : (क) बिहार सरकार ने राष्ट्रीय बीज निगम को 20,000 क्विंटल तक गेहूँ के बीजों की आपूर्ति करने के लिए कहा था । निगम ने बिहार सरकार को अभी तक 14,950 क्विंटल तक गेहूँ के बीजों की आपूर्ति की है । निगम के पास कुल 43,000 क्विंटल गेहूँ के बीज उपलब्ध थे । बिहार राज्य को सप्लाई किए गये बीज उसकी अधिप्राप्ति के एक तिहाई से अधिक हैं ।

(ख) अन्य राज्यों में गेहूँ के बीजों का वितरण राज्य सरकारों के माध्यम से नहीं किया