

(b) and (c). No specific consultations have taken place with the State Government on "Family Planning for Animals". The subjects of production of good quality breeding stock and limiting the multiplication of un-economic cattle have, however, been discussed with the State Governments. The State Governments have been quite responsive to these objectives.

### राजस्थान में भूमिगत जल के लिए सर्वेक्षण

\*856. श्री बृजराज सिंह (कोटा) :  
क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भूमिगत जल के लिए आरम्भ किये गये सर्वेक्षण के परिणामस्वरूप राजस्थान में हाल ही में कुछ जलाशयों का पता चला है ;

(ख) यदि हा, तो किस जिले में ; और

(ग) इन श्रोतों का उपयोग करने के लिए और क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

कृषि मन्त्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री डोर सिंह) : (क) जी हाँ। केन्द्रीय भूमिगत जल बोर्ड ने संयुक्त राष्ट्र विकास कार्यक्रम (विशेष निधि) की सहायता से, पश्चिम राजस्थान में किये गये समन्वयी कार्यक्रमों के दौरान, तीन सम्भाव्य भूमिगत जल भंडारों का पता लगाया है और उनका मूल्यांकन किया है।

(ख) भूमिगत जल भंडार निम्नलिखित क्षेत्रों में स्थित हैं :—

(i) जैसलमेर जिले में भाठी-चघान-भैरवा क्षेत्र में 335.2 वर्ग किलोमीटर।

(ii) जोधपुर जिले के बोरुन्दा क्षेत्र में 161 वर्ग किलोमीटर।

(ii) जोधपुर जिले के डोली-भंवार-पाल क्षेत्र में 75 वर्ग किलोमीटर।

(ग) राजस्थान राज्य सरकार को केन्द्रीय भूमिगत जल बोर्ड द्वारा किये गये सर्वेक्षणों के परिणामों से अवगत कर दिया गया है और इन वैज्ञानिक जाँचों को ध्यान में रखते हुए अब भूमिगत जल माधनों का विकास करना राज्य सरकार का काम है।

### Supply of Tractors to Farmers at Cheaper Rates

\*858. SHRI ONKAR LAJ BERWA :  
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to supply tractors to farmers at cheaper rates, and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI  
ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

### Distribution of Iron Bars

\*859. SHRI MULKJ RAJ SAINI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the iron bars used in the construction of houses are not available to the common man on reasonable rates ;

(b) whether favouritism is being done by Hindustan Steel Limited and Tata Iron and Steel Company in the distribution of Iron bars ; and

(c) the steps contemplated to be taken by the Government to ensure proper distribution of iron bars ?

**THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM) :** (a) Stockyards of the main producers distribute steel material for construction of houses at regulated prices. 30% of bars, rods etc. received in the Stockyards are earmarked for such purposes. From May 1, this year, a proportion of production of billet re-rollers will also come to these stockyards. 30% of this material also will be available for house-building, thus adding to availability.

(b) and (c). No specific case of favouritism has been brought to the notice of this Ministry. However, Regional Offices of the Iron and Steel Controller have now been set up and one of their functions will be to ensure that Stockyards follow the prescribed procedures and guidelines.

#### Shortage of Fertilisers

\*860. **SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a shortage of fertilisers in the country ; and

(b) the average consumption of fertiliser per acre in the country at present ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) :** (a) There is no shortage of nitrogen, Phosphates and Potash in as much as the estimated availability, consisting of indigenous production and planned imports, is enough to cover the requirements estimated by the States for 1971-72:—

	(in lakh tonnes)		
	N	P	K
Requirement :	19.34	7.32	3.90
Availability :	23.25	8.13	4.22

However, in Kharif, 1971, there has been shortage of certain products preferred in some pockets i. e. Ammonium Sulphate, Calcium Ammonium Nitrate and Diammonium Phosphate. The available stocks of Urea, Superphosphate and other fertilisers are very suitable from the agronomic and economic points of view, for the Kharif crops. It is expected that adequate quantities of Ammonium Sulphate, Calcium Ammonium Nitrate and Diammonium Phosphate would be available for Rabi 1971-72 through imports.

(b) The average consumption of fertilisers per hectare in the country in 1970-71 was 12.9 kg. of nutrients per hectare.

#### Factories Exempted from Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946

\*861. **DR. MELKOTE :** Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether some factories have been exempted from the operation of the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946; and

(b) if so, the number of the factories so exempted and the reasons therefor ?

**THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R.K. KHADILKAR) :** (a) and (b). The Central Government have not exempted the factories as such from the operation of the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946. However, Central Government have exempted some industrial establishments which include factories also from the scope of the Act. The list of such establishments is given in the statement attached. These establishments have been exempted on the ground that the Fundamental and Supplementary Rules are applicable to the workmen in those establishments or they have