

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) The Agricultural Finance Corporation helps commercial banks in financing agriculture. It does not extend to cooperative banks. The Agricultural Finance Corporation has compiled guidelines for formulating projects and schemes which can be used by the AFC/ commercial banks for their appraisal also.

(b) The main features of the guidelines for formulating projects and schemes are given in the priced publication brought out by the Agricultural Finance Corporation.

Pre-degree Examination of Kerala and Calicut Universities

*333. SHRI JHARKHANDE RAI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Pre-Degree Examination of Kerala and Calicut Universities are not treated at par with the old Intermediate examinations for admission to examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission ;

(b) whether Government have received any representation on this matter from Government of Kerala ; and

(c) if so, the decision taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The matter is under consideration.

सफदरगंज पुल, नई दिल्ली, का डिजाइन

*335. श्री जगन्नाथ राव जोशी : क्या निर्माण और आवास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या उनके मंत्रालय के एक वरिष्ठ वास्तुविद के अनुसार सफदरगंज पुल का

वर्तमान डिजाइन पूर्णतया त्रुटिपूर्ण है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन्होंने क्या आपत्तियां उठाई हैं तथा उन पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ।

निर्माण और आवास तथा स्वास्थ्य और परिवार नियोजन मंत्री (श्री उमाशंकर दीक्षित) :

(क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग के मुख्य वास्तुक ने सफदरगंज हवाई अड्डे के समीप प्रस्तावित ओवर-ब्रिज के माडल पर कुछ टिप्पणियां भेजी हैं । ये ओवर-ब्रिज के क्वस्तु-शिल्पीय डिजाइन के सम्बन्ध में हैं । फिलहाल यह मामला विचाराधीन है ।

Disparity in Price of Vanaspati in Different Zones

*339. SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the prices of Vanaspati in the Western and Northern Zones vary from those obtaining in the Eastern and Southern Zones ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to ensure parity in the price structure in the various zones ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) and (b). Prices of vanaspati do vary from zone to zone, because of variations in the prices of raw vegetable oils in the different zones.

(c) Prices of vanaspati in each zone are determined *inter alia* with reference to the raw oil prices in that zone, and hence the prices in the different zones generally reflect the inter-zonal parities in raw oil prices. An effort is, however, made to narrow the gap in vanaspati prices between different zones within reasonable limit.