

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) A Multicrop Demonstration Scheme including fertiliser use in 5 acre blocks in Intensive Agricultural District Programme and High Yielding Varieties Programme areas having assured irrigation has been introduced during 1967-68. A complete demonstration will have two or three crops of improved varieties of high yielding varieties.

(ii) A Pilot Demonstration Project has been drawn up to demonstrate the maximisation of yields of high yielding varieties on 100 acre blocks by scientific methods of cultivation and use of fertilisers at recommended levels.

(iii) Soil testing service is being expanded to give correct fertiliser recommendations.

(c) Yes, Sir. To encourage the farmers to condition their soils, a scheme for subsidised distribution of soil conditioners is under implementation as a plan scheme. Another scheme for popularisation of Soil Conditioners on 100 acre Blocks has also been drawn up.

Cattle Wealth

*1210. Shri Nitiraj Singh Chaudhary:
Shri G. S. Mishra:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total cattle wealth in the country according to the 1966 census;

(b) the number of them which is uneconomic;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to reduce the number of uneconomic cattle;

(d) whether Government consider the feasibility of sterilizing cattle, specially low-milk yielding variety; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community

Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) The total cattle wealth in the country according to 1966 census is not yet known as the information from some of the State Governments has not been received so far.

(b) According to the Cattle Preservation and Development Committee set up by the Government of India in 1947 about 10 per cent of the country's cattle population was uneconomic. Recent estimate is however not available.

(c) Castration of scrub bulls/other young male calves not considered fit for breeding is regularly undertaken by the field staff of the State Animal Husbandry Departments. A mass castration scheme was initiated in the Third Five Year Plan with a view to accelerating the tempo of castration work in the country. Gosadan Centres have also been set up for segregating the old, infirm and unproductive cattle.

(d) Male animals are sterilised by castration. A pilot project for curbing the propagation of unproductive cows through the insertion of Intra Uterine Contraceptive Device is also proposed to be initiated.

(e) Does not arise.

खाद्य क्षेत्र

1211. श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :
श्री रघुवीर सिंह शास्त्री :
श्री आत्म दास :
श्री शिव कुमार शास्त्री :
श्री यशवन्त सिंह कुशवाह :
श्री यशपाल सिंह :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार सरकार ने केन्द्रीय सरकार को अपनी यह सय व्यक्त की है कि यदि खाद्य क्षेत्र समाप्त कर दिये जायें तो खाद्यान्नों के मूल्य कम हो जायेंगे;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार का बिचार इस बारे में निर्णय लेने का है ;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) राज्य सरकार द्वारा दिये गये सुझावों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

खाद्य, वृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अन्नासाहिब शिन्डे) : (क) और (घ). जी नहीं। तथापि, अप्रैल, 1967 में हुये मध्य मंत्रियों के सम्मेलन में बिहार के मध्य मंत्री ने यह विचार व्यक्त किया था कि सारा देश एक क्षेत्र होना चाहिये ताकि उचित मूल्यों पर कहीं से सभी खाद्यान्न खरीदे जा सकें।

(ख) और (ग) : मुख्य मंत्रियों के सम्मेलन में इस बात पर बरहुमत था कि वर्तमान क्षेत्रीय प्रतिबन्ध जिनके अधीन निजी व्यापार के खाते में खाद्यान्नों के अन्तर्राज्यीय संचालन पर रोक लगी हुई है, जारी रहने चाहिये। सरकार राज्यों के मुख्य मंत्रियों के परामश से क्षेत्रीय प्रतिबन्ध जारी रखने अथवा न रखने के बारे में समय-समय पर समीक्षा करती रहती है।

Production of Cashewnut in West Bengal

*1212. **Shri Samar Guha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Contai Sub-Division of Midnapur District of West Bengal produces a large quantity of cashewnuts;

(b) whether Government are aware that cashewnut cultivation in this Sub-Division can be expanded to much wider areas so that substantial increase in its production could be assured; and

(c) whether, in view of its capacity for earning foreign exchange, Government propose to pay special attention

in collaboration with the State Government, to improve cashewnut cultivation in the Contai areas?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

Circulation of Bills and Ordinances in Regional Languages

*1213. **Shri S. K. Sambandhan:**
Shri Anbazhagan:

Will the Minister of Law be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government so far for providing the Members of Parliament with copies of the Bills and Ordinances in the regional languages; and

(b) the date from which Government propose to supply them in the regional languages?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Law (Shri D. R. Chavan): (a) No steps have been taken by Government for providing the members of Parliament with copies of Bills and Ordinance in the regional languages;

(b) Government do not propose to supply Bills etc. in the regional languages.

Spraying of Foodgrains with Chemicals

*1214. **Shri Baburao Patel:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to spray foodgrains with poisonous chemicals to prevent the sparrows from eating and doing damage to the foodgrains;

(b) the experiments Government have made to ensure that these poisonous chemicals do not have clinging and cumulative poisonous effect in the case of human beings;