

(c) whether Government have thought of the possibility of the entire bird life being destroyed by such a measure in addition to the danger to human life;

(d) whether Government propose to do intensive research in this field in regard to the lethal effect of these poisonous chemicals on man, bird and animals, before using these chemicals on foodgrains; 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) No, Sir. To scare away sparrows and other birds, mechanical devices are used in go downs. Even when the crop is standing, chemicals are not used for the purpose and mechanical devices are adopted.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

Cotton Production

***1215. Shri Parthasarathy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the cotton acreage in India is the largest in the world and the total yield is the lowest; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to increase the average yield to favourably compare with U.S.A. and other countries where average yield per acre is 480 lbs?

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

(b) Specific schemes under which package of practices are adopted are being implemented in all the major cotton growing States to increase the yield per acre. The required inputs viz. improved seeds and fertilisers are being specifically made available to these areas. Plant Protection measures on a mass scale, including aerial spraying on larger areas are being

organised. Improved methods of cultivation are being popularised in the various States.

Air-India

***1216. Shri Bedabrata Barua:**
Shri N. K. Sanghi;
Shri Y. A. Prasad:

Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's attitude towards the recent Arab-Israeli conflict has adversely affected Air-India's world-wide business; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) There have been some cancellations of Air India bookings on account of the West Asia conflict particularly in the USA and Europe. At this stage it is not possible to assess the extent to which Air India's world-wide business has been adversely affected.

(b) Air India has taken normal field sales action.

Ban on Export of Foodgrains from Haryana

***1217. Shri Kameshwar Singh:**
Shri Madhu Limaye:

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

(a) whether the Haryana Government have decided to ban export of Foodgrains to other States; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to fulfil the foodgrains purchases by other States which were getting them from Haryana?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) Export of rice, wheat gram and maize from Haryana stands restricted under the zonal orders issued by the Central Government. Haryana and Delhi however form a common zone for the purpose.

of movement of gram. Export of jowar and bajra is restricted from Haryana under the order issued by the State Government.

(b) Supplies of foodgrains from Haryana to other States on Government to Government account continue to be arranged through the Central Government.

चीनी के मिल द्वारा मूल्य में वृद्धि

- *1218. श्री मधु ललिते :
 श्री कामेश्वर सिंह :
 श्री श्रद्धाकर सूपकार :
 श्री बी० चं० शर्मा :
 श्री स० मो० बनर्जी :
 श्री इसहाक साम्भली :
 श्री सत्य नारायण :
 श्री ज्योतिर्मय बसु :
 श्री वासुदेवन नायर :
 श्री अदिचन :
 श्री जनार्दनन :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने उत्तर भारत के बहुत से क्षेत्रों में चीनी के मिल-द्वारा मूल्यों को बढ़ाने का निर्णय किया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और इसका व्यौरा क्या है तथा खुदरा मूल्य पर और सामान्य मूल्य सूचकांक पर इसका क्या प्रभाव पड़ेगा ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अन्नासाहिब शिन्डे): (क) और (ख) अपेक्षित सूचना देने वाला एक विवरण सभा के पटल पर रखा जाता है। [पुस्तकालय में रख दिया गया। देखिये संख्या LT—1078/67]

Distribution of Surplus Land

- *1219. श्री Shiva Chandra Jha:
 श्री Marandi:
 श्री Ram Sewak Yadav:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that land ceilings have been put into effect in the various States:

(b) if so, the names of those States and how much land out of those ceiling measures has been distributed among the landless agriculturists;

(c) in which States such ceiling measures have not been enforced as yet and how much land is estimated to be available there; and

(d) how many landless agriculturists would remain in the whole of India even if ceiling measures are fully implemented?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1079/67].

Crash Food Production Programme

- *1220. श्री K. P. Singh Deo:
 श्री P. K. Deo:
 श्री A. Dipa:
 श्री M. C. Majhi:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government plans to bring about 32.5 million acres of land under the Crash Grain Production Programme to meet the food deficiency in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when the plans are likely to be finalised?

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