

have the award interpreted authoritatively by a third party. It was for this reason that Government and Air-India had in course of negotiations offered to refer the dispute to arbitration, but this was unfortunately not accepted by the Air-India pilots.

Chief Ministers' Conference

*1223. Shri Marandi:

Shri Shri Chand Goel:

Shri S. S. Kothari:

Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:

Shri Bal Raj Madhok:

Shri R. S. Vidyarthi:

Shri Bharat Singh Chauhan:

Shri Parthasarathy:

Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:

Shri Ram Avtar Sharma:

Shri Shiv Kumar Shastri:

Shri Raguvir Singh: Shastri:

Shri Atam Das:

Shri Y. S. Kushwah:

Dr. Surya Prakash Puri:

Shri Arjun Singh: Bhadoria:

Shri K. Suryanarayana:

Shri D. S. Patil:

Shri R. D. Bhandare:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Chief Ministers' Conference held this month the Chief Ministers blamed the Centre for food failure;

(b) if so, the reasons put forward by them for blaming the Centre;

(c) the Central Government's reaction thereto;

(d) the decisions arrived at in regard to the food problem and distribution of foodgrains to the States and in regard to supply of Fertilisers and development of minor irrigation schemes at the Conference?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) No Sir. There was no attempt at putting blame or holding a single authority responsible for the food crisis. Suggestions were

made by participants in the Conference and it was realised that for improving food production and distribution, Central and State Governments have to function in a spirit of cooperation.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) A summary of the decision arrived at regarding the food problem and distribution of foodgrains to the States and in regard to supply of fertilizers and development of minor irrigation schemes is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1080/67].

Targets of Commercial Farm Crops

*1224. Shri Ram Kishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have in order to ensure self-sufficiency in food by the end of the Fourth Five Year Plan fixed targets and limits on commercial farm crops;

(b) if so, the details of maxima and Minima fixed in each case; and

(c) the main considerations underlying this decision?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) For achieving self-sufficiency in food, no limits have been fixed on cash crops. The main strategy is to achieve self-sufficiency in food, not by diversion of area from cash crops but by programmes of intensive cultivation. Targets for commercial crops have been fixed.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

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श्री भोगेन्द्र झा :

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