

The average yields of the High-Yielding Variety crops can still be improved with farmers adopting recommended package of practices in full and gaining greater skills in their cultivation.

(d) There were shortfalls in the achievement of targets during 1966-67 due to shortage of seeds, which was mainly on account of unfavourable seasonal conditions during the previous summer season affecting the seed yields considerably, particularly in respect of hybrid crops.

#### SUGAR QUOTA FOR DELHI

\*161. SHRI PREM CHAND VERMA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of sugar allotted to Delhi Administration as a special quota for Diwali ;

(b) whether it is a fact that each Member of the Metropolitan Council of Delhi was given wide powers to distribute about 12,000 kilograms of sugar to Halwais ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have received complaints to the effect that only 25 per cent of this special quota went into the production of sweets and the rest went into the black-market ;

(d) if so, whether any inquiry was made into these allegations and whether Government have taken any action in the matter; and

(e) if not, the reason therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) 1,260 tonnes. This quantity covered both the festivals of Dussehra and Diwali.

(b) The Delhi Administration decided that each Member of the Metropolitan Council could recommend allotment up to 25 kg. of sugar in each case subject to a maximum of 2,000 Kgs. (20 bags) per Member.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

#### FUNDS FOR SUGAR MILLS

\*162. SHRI S. S. KOTHARI :  
SHRI D. N. PATODIA :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have allocated funds for rendering assistance to the sick sugar mills for rehabilitation of the old and worn-out plant and machinery; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

#### SUGAR BEET PRODUCTION

\*163. SHRI KAMESHWAR SINGH :  
SHRI A. SREEDHARAN :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide incentives and popularise sugar beet production in the sugarcane-growing areas; and

(b) if so, the details of incentives proposed to be offered ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) No, Sir. Sugarbeet is being grown on an experimental basis and the economics of production of sugar from beetroots is yet to be determined.

(b) Does not arise.

#### PRODUCTION LEVY

\*164. SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI SINHA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) how far Government have progressed in fixing a producer levy towards the need of procurement of foodgrains; and