

**THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI HATHI) :**

(a) Government conducted a cost investigation into selected representative collieries in all the coalfields with a view to assessing the impact of the recommendations of the Wage Board. No colliery of the National Coal Development Corporation was, however, costed.

(b) and (c). The information is not readily available.

**DISMISSAL OF WORKERS IN WEST BENGAL COLLIERIES**

\*758. DR. RANEN SEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in certain collieries like Ratibati, Kuardi and Babisole collieries in West Bengal, there has been dismissal of workers on a large scale;

(b) if so, reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to stop such dismissal ?

**THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI HATHI) :**

(a) No.

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

**गन्ने की अधिक पैदावार देने वाली  
किस्में**

\*759. श्री रघुबीर सिंह शास्त्री : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या देश में गन्ने की अधिक पैदावार देने वाली किस्मों की खेती के तीव्र-तरिकों से किसान पूरी तरह परिचित नहीं है जिसके फलस्वरूप गन्ने की इन किस्मों को बहुत छोटे पैमाने पर उगाया जाता है;

(ख) गन्ने की अधिक फसल देने वाली किस्मों के सम्बन्ध में सरकारी संगठन क्या क्या अनुसंधान कर रहे हैं; और

(ग) चीनी का उत्पादन बढ़ाने की दृष्टि से अधिक फसल देने वाली गन्ने की किस्मों की खेती को लोकप्रिय बनाने तथा बढ़ावा देने के लिये सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अन्नासाहिब शिन्दे) : (क) किसानों को गन्ने की अधिक उपज देने वाली किस्मों से परिचित कराने के लिये प्रयत्न किये जाते हैं।

(ख) गन्ना प्रजनन संस्थान, कोयम्बतूर देश में विभिन्न मस्य-जलवायु के लिये किस्में तैयार कर रहा है। राज्य अनुसन्धान केन्द्र इन किस्मों का स्थानीय परिस्थितियों में परीक्षण करते हैं और उन में से जो किस्में फलन-फूलने वाली और प्रयोग में बढ़िया पायी जाती हैं, उन्हें वाणिज्यिक खेती के लिये दिया जाता है। गन्ना प्रजनन संस्थान चुने हुए अनुसन्धान केन्द्रों को क्षेत्र विशेष में इन किस्मों को उगाने के लिये पनीरी भी मज्जाई करता है।

(ग) नर्मगियों में उगाए गए स्वस्थ बीज खेती के लिये दिये जाते हैं। उन्नत किस्मों का अधिक उपज सम्बन्धी गुण का प्रदर्शन करने के लिये फसल प्रतियोगिताएं भी आयोजित की जाती हैं।

**PURCHASE OF FOODGRAINS BY FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA IN HARYANA**

\*760. SHRI D. N. PATODIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the rate at which the procurements of foodgrains are being made by the Food Corporation of India in Haryana;

(b) the experience of the Corporation to make direct purchase from the growers;

(c) how many centres have been set up for the purpose of direct purchase; and

(d) whether the procurement is progressing satisfactorily?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) The rates per quintal at which the Food Corporation of India is purchasing foodgrains in Haryana are :—

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| Wheat (superior)             | Rs. 77 to Rs. 83 |
| Wheat (ordinary and Mexican) | Rs. 72 to Rs. 77 |
| Maize                        | Rs. 55 to Rs. 58 |
| Bajra                        | Rs. 54 to Rs. 57 |
| Barley                       | Rs. 50 to Rs. 55 |

(b) Growers bring their stocks of foodgrains in mandies where they are sold by open auction. The Corporation makes purchases by participating in bidding at the auction. No difficulty has been experienced in the purchase of maize and bajra but the stocks of wheat and barley were generally found heavily weevilled and infested and such stocks are not purchased by the Corporation.

(c) Initially the Corporation started purchases at 62 centres but these were reduced to 14 as arrivals at the other 48 centres were very poor.

(d) Considering that the Corporation entered the market only from end December, 1967 and the fact that this is the fag-end of the rabi season, the procurement cannot be said to be unsatisfactory.

#### CROP LOANS TO FARMERS

\*761. SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATIL :  
SHRI R. S. VIDYARTHI :

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

(a) whether the scheme to provide crop loans to farmers through Credit Banks in Coimbatore has been studied by Government;

(b) if so, whether the scheme has been found useful as an incentive and encouragement for the farmers; and

(c) whether similar schemes are proposed to be introduced in Madhya Pradesh and elsewhere in India for the benefit of the farmers in the whole country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) and (b). The Cooperative Institutions in all the Districts of Madras State including Coimbatore have adopted the Crop Loan System of financing the cultivators. There has been no special study of the functioning of this system of finance in Coimbatore district by the Central Government. The general experience, however, is that the crop loan system, being a production oriented system of finance, suits the needs of the farmers.

(c) Crop loan system has been introduced in all the States (except Nagaland) in the country.

#### SUBSIDY ON FERTILISERS

\*762. SHRI MOHAN SWARUP : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a major part of the subsidy on fertilisers produced indigenously has already been withdrawn by Government in the light of recommendation made by the Agricultural Prices Commission;

(b) whether Government are aware that in the prevailing circumstances, a Working Group on Intensive Agricultural Programme, has suggested continuation of the subsidy on fertilisers; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI