

**Discussion with Polish Ministers on
Collaboration in Field of
Agriculture**

*568. SHRI K. M. ABRAHAM :
SHRI E. K. NAYANAR :
SHRI UMANATH :

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

(a) whether Government had discussed with the Polish Ministers on collaboration in the field of agriculture ;

(b) if so, the details of discussion ; and

(c) the result of the discussion ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) to (c), During the visit of the Minister (S) to Poland, discussions were held regarding possible Polish assistance to India in the field of Agriculture. As a result of these discussions an offer was made by Poland to provide breeding material and Technical information on pig breeding if that was required. They also offered to help India with seed potatoes. The proposal is still under consideration of the Government.

**Financial Assistance to the Rehabilitation
Industries Corporation**

*569. SHRI GANESH GHOSH :
SHRI P. RAMAMURTHI :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of financial assistance sanctioned by Government for the schemes under the Rehabilitation Industries Corporation ;

(b) the details of the schemes implemented by the authorities ;

(c) whether some of the schemes have been abandoned ;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(e) whether Government propose to restart the schemes abandoned in the past ; and

(f) if so, the steps that are planned ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT

AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) The Government have subscribed Rs. 2.83 crores towards share-capital of the Rehabilitation Industries Corporation and also sanctioned loans aggregating Rs. 3.01 crores.

(b) The Corporation was set up in 1959 for establishing industrial units and giving financial assistance to private industrialists for providing employment to the displaced persons from East Pakistan. Twenty industrial units are at present being run by the Corporation at various places. The Corporation has also set up three Industrial Estates for providing industrial sheds on rental basis to private entrepreneurs.

(b) Only one industrial unit, namely Rupnarayanpur Wood Works, has been closed down.

(d) The Unit was continuously running under losses and so the Board of Directors of the Corporation decided to close it down. The workers have been provided with alternative employment in other Units of the Rehabilitation Industries Corporation.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

**Training of Pesticide Experts in
United States of America**

*570. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY:
Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether recently United Nations invited pesticide experts from the developing countries of Asia to attend a seven-week training programme held in the United States of America in July, 1969 ;

(b) the names of the countries from which the pesticide experts were invited and attended ; and

(c) the names of the personnel who attended the above training programme from India with the criteria of selection ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). In November, 1968, the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) invited nominations from developing countries for granting 20 fellowships for the Group Industrial Training

Course in Production of Pesticides and Insecticides which was being organised by them during July-August, 1969 in the U.S.A. Government of India was invited to submit upto two nominations. Fellowships granted by the UNIDO to the nominees of different countries and the candidates who are attending the training course is not yet known.

(c) In consultation with technical authorities Government sponsored the nominations of two persons to the UNIDO and one of them (Dr. K. D. Sharma, Assistant Development Officer, Directorate General to Technical Development) was finally granted one fellowship by the UNIDO. He is currently attending the Training Programme.

Staff Artistes Association

3521. SHRI SHIV KUMAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an association was formed by the staff artistes of the All India Radio in 1964 ;

(b) who was the first President of that Association ; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the said first President is a political man and therefore, he introduced politics in the All India Radio ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Shri M. S. Sengar.

(c) Observation made in the question is of a general nature. Government is not aware of any fact which would substantiate this conclusion.

Food Corporation of India

3522. SHRI K. M. KOUSHIK : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of employees working in the Food Corporation of India, category-wise ; and

(b) the total expenditure per month on the establishment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) The number of employees working in the Food Corporation of India category-wise as on 1st April, 1969 is as under :

(i) Category I	210
(ii) Category II	1,104
(iii) Category III	14,246
(iv) Category IV	10,530
Total	26,090

(b) About Rs. 95 lakhs per month. The expenditure represents pay and allowances, pension and leave salary contributions, staff welfare and travelling allowance on the establishment and also includes expenditure on departmentalised labour.

Foreign accredited Press Correspondents

3523. SHRI JUGAL MONDAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government will lay on the Table of the House a statement giving complete data about foreign Embassy and foreign Information Service personnel who succeeded in securing credentials from the Government of India as Press Correspondents ;

(b) whether following the lead given by the U.S.I.S., a large number of employees of the Missions of Communist countries have applied and secured press credentials from the External Publicity Division and the Press Information Bureau ; and

(c) whether a fulltime staff artiste of All India Radio having contacts with the Embassies has been given accreditation on behalf of some of the Urdu newspapers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b). Under the rules, accreditation can be given only to those who are whole-time journalists. Personnel of foreign embassies and their