

Prices of Vanaspati Ghee

*804. SHRI P. C. ADICHAN:
SHRI S. B. PATIL:

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

(a) whether prices of Vanaspati Ghee have been increased repeatedly; if so, the prices at the beginning of the Agriculture year 1968-69 and how they have since been increased from time to time;

(b) the reasons for these increases;

(c) whether it is a fact that the prices of vanaspati have almost doubled over the last 5 years; and

(d) the steps being taken to bring down the prices?

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 Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—1863/69.]

Book on Land Reforms by U.N. Secretary-General

*805. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the publication of a book on land reforms sponsored by the U.N. Secretary-General in collaboration with F.A.O. and I.L.O.;

(b) if so, whether he has also come across a particular recommendation contained in the book that the problem of the small peasant, the tenant and the landless has been made acute in the countries with rising population pressures, in the absence of comprehensive reforms of tenure and production structure; and

(c) in view of the publication of this book, whether Government will

take immediate steps so as to advise the States to take to radical land reform programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir. The publication in question is the Fifth Report on Progress in Land Reform prepared by the Secretary-General of U.N. in collaboration with FAO and ILO for the 46th Session of the U.N. Economic & Social Council.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Attention of the State Governments has already been drawn to the need for expeditious and effective implementation of land reform programmes.

All India Service for Wild Life

*806. SHRI D. N. TIWARY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to create a new All India Service for Wild Life as suggested by the Indian Board for Wild Life in its Session on the 8th July, 1969;

(b) whether the Board has also requested for leasing out forest Blocks to Tourist Agencies; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal to create a new All India Service for Wild Life nor has it been suggested so by the Indian Board for Wild Life in its Session on 8th July, 1969.

(b) No, Sir, the Board has not requested for leasing blocks to tourist agencies.

(c) Does not arise.