

Crisis in Sugar Industry

- *253. SHRI K. M. KOUSHIK :
 SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :
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 SHRI H. AJMAL KHAN :
 SHRI R. K. AMIN :

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

(a) whether there has been serious crisis in the Sugar Industry in the various parts of the country in the recent past ;

(b) whether it has in any way affected the foreign exchange earnings accruing from the export of sugar to India ; and

(c) whether Government of India has played any part in solving the sugar crisis and if so, the details thereof ?

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

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

Solution of Food Problems without Import of Foodgrains

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

(a) whether Government are in a position to solve the food problems of the Nation without any import of foodgrains ; and

(b) what are the expedient arrangements for procuring and distributing the food-grains to the affected areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) (a). So long as internal production of foodgrains is not sufficient to meet the requirements and till a suitable buffer stock is built up, it will be necessary

to continue to import foodgrains from abroad.

(b) In most of the States, the F. C. I. is now in charge of procurement of foodgrains. Procurement through cooperative organizations and also through direct Government agencies is also in operation in some of the States. The system adopted is working satisfactorily, though improvements are being made and will be continued to be made wherever they are found necessary. Distribution of Government stocks of foodgrains is made mainly through ration shops and fair price shops and this system is functioning more or less satisfactorily.

Central Grant to West Bengal for Irrigation of Land under Jute Cultivation

- *255. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU :
 SHRI B. K. MODAK :
 SHRI BHAGABAN DAS :
 SHRI MOHAMMAD ISMAIL :
 SHRI GANESH GHOSH :

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

(a) whether the Central Government had sanctioned to West Bengal four crores of rupees for a scheme to irrigate land under jute cultivation by lifting water from the rivers ;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Government have suddenly withheld their sanction ; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof ?

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

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

Scheme for Profit Sharing by Industrial Labour

- *256. SHRI SITARAM KESRI : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND RE-