

(ख) यदि हां, तो हानि का व्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि उक्त जिलों या उनके कुछ भागों को अकालग्रस्त क्षेत्र घोषित किया गया है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उन क्षेत्रों के नाम क्या हैं ?

साथ, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अण्णा-साहिव शिन्डे) : (क) और (ख). राज्य सरकार से मांगी गयी जानकारी की अभी प्रतीक्षा है ।

(ग) जी नहीं ।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं होता ।

Propaganda Materials Circulated by USSR and USA to Indian Dailies and Weeklies

*759. SHRI SAMAR GUHA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that U.S.S.R. and U.S.A. circulate regular propaganda materials to different dailies and weeklies;

(b) if so, the names of the dailies and weeklies which received and printed such propaganda materials ; and

(c) the amount paid for printing such propaganda materials?

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) Foreign missions are not required to submit to the Government of India the names of newspapers to which they send their publicity material.

(c) This Ministry are not aware of payments made to Indian newspapers by foreign missions for publishing press releases. But the foreign missions do buy advertisement space in Indian newspapers for publicity campaigns.

Suggestions by British Economist on efforts to make small Farming Successful

*760. SHRI N. R. LASKAR : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Sir John Hicks, a renowned British economist has stressed the need for big organisational efforts to make small farming successful in the country ;

(b) if so, the other points made by him in address during the three day Seminar ;

(c) whether he has stated that the land reforms, even if they are completed, would not alone solve the problem; and

(d) whether Government have examined his suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) to (d). The recommendations of the Seminar held by Indian Social Institute, a non-official organisation, on 'Challenge of Poverty in India' have not been received by the Government so far. Hence it is not possible to indicate the specific suggestions made at the Seminar and the reactions of the Government thereon.

Winding up of Central Fisheries Corporation, Howrah

*761. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been decided to wind up the Central Fisheries Corporation, Ltd. Howrah on the plea of losses ;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the Corporation actually never took up various activities, viz., deep-sea fishing, installation of plants for cold storage, curing and canning of fish, which were proclaimed as its objectives in the Memorandum of Association ;

(c) whether, any efforts were made to maintain and expand the Corporation's activities in co-operation with the West Bengal State Government ; and

(d) in the event of the Corporation's closure, what alternative arrangements