

श्री शिंदे : सभी राज्य मंत्री ने कहा कि उन्होंने इस बारे में उद्योगपतियों को एपरोच किया है कि क्या गुड़ का उपयोग दूसरे उद्योग-घंघों में हो सकता है या नहीं। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो दूसरे उद्योग-घंघे हैं, क्या उन में क्षराब या एलकोहल बनाने का धंधा भी है या नहीं।

SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE : At the moment Government do not consider that jaggery should be allowed for that purpose.

श्री शिंदे : मैं ने यह प्रश्न इसलिए पूछा कि गोष्ठा में गुड़ का उत्पादन बहुत बढ़ गया है और वहाँ के लोग गुड़ का उपयोग दारू बनाने के लिए करते हैं।

SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE : That is not permitted.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Research on Soil Fertility Problems in Intensively Cropped Areas in Punjab

*244. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SHAH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the views expressed by Dr. S.M. Swaminathan, an Agricultural Scientist in an article written by him in the *Economic Times* dated the 31st January, 1970 and state :

(a) whether serious soil fertility problems, particularly with reference to micronutrients, are developing in intensively cropped areas like Punjab;

(b) if the same is not checked, whether agriculture would soon be in ruin and hence extensive research work will have to be initiated immediately to find out ways and means of over-coming this problem; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to initiate necessary research in this field ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE,

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir. The work done under the Coordinated Micronutrient Scheme in the Punjab, Delhi and Haryana has focussed attention on widespread deficiency of micronutrients particularly zinc and the use of balanced fertilisers including micronutrients for correcting such imbalances.

(b) Yes, Sir. In any system of exploitive agriculture, micronutrient deficiencies can affect the crop production seriously hence the emphasis on research.

(c) An agricultural research programme on micronutrient is being intensified at centres in the country which represent different agro-climatic and soil conditions. They include important agricultural universities, research institutes particularly in the areas where previous work had indicated some micronutrient deficiency problems.

Production, Procurement and Import of Foodgrains

*247. SHRI BADRUDDUJA :
SHRI RAM KISHAN GUPTA :
SHRI SRADHAKAR SUPAKAR :
SHRI ABDUL GHANI DAR :
SHRI ATAM DAS :

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

(a) the latest estimates of production of foodgrains in India statewise, during 1968-69 and 1969-70;

(b) the quantity and value of imports during 1969-70;

(c) the State-wise figures of procurement in quantity and value, by the Food Corporation of India during 1968-69 and 1969-70;

(d) the State-wise figures of surplus or deficit in food-grains in general and cereals in particular, during 1968-69 and 1969-70; and