

शराब बनाने के लिये अंगूरों की फसल का विकास

*415. श्री महाराज सिंह भारती : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि ;

(क) क्या यह सब है कि भारत में उगाये जाने वाले अंगूरों में बढ़िया किस्म की शराब बनाकर करोड़ों रुपये की विदेशी मुद्रा कमायी जा सकती है, और

(ख) यदि हाँ तो इन उद्देश्य के लिये अंगूरों की बेलों को उगाने के विकास के लिये क्या प्रयास किये जा रहे हैं ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास और सहकारिता मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अन्ना साहिब शिन्डे) : (क) अभी तक शराब की निर्यात सम्भाव्यता स्थापित नहीं की गई है।

(ख) खाने के उद्देश्य से अंगूरों के विकास के लिए प्रयत्न किये जा रहे हैं।

Election Campaigning over All India Radio.

*416. SHRI MADHU LIMAYE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have reconsidered the question of allotment of broadcasting time to political parties for election campaign over AIR in the light of the changed political situation;

(b) if so, the new Government proposals; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) be in negative, the reasons for not going in for reconsideration?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SATYA NARAYAN SINHA): (a) to (c). Government are willing to consider the question of allowing political parties the facility of broadcasting in connection with their election campaigns provided the parties agree among them-

selves about the basis for the allotment of time and other details.

Programme to Educate Common voters Through mass Media.

*417. SHRI DHIRESWAR KALITA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to organise mass publicity through all the mass media to educate the common voters about rights and duties of franchise; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SATYA NARAYAN SINHA): (a) and (b). There is at present no separate programme to organise mass publicity to educate the voters, though in the context of democracy, the significance of franchise is brought home to the people using all media. Special information drive in specific terms is taken up only immediately before the General Elections.

Requirement and Import of Tractors

*418. SHRI HIMATSINGKA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the latest annual estimated number of tractors required to meet the country's demand for mechanisation and modernisation of farming;

(b) the number, value and specifications of the tractors imported from each country during 1967-68, 1968-69 to 1969-70 and their number, value and specification proposed to be imported during 1970-71; and

(c) the estimated number of imported tractors lying out of use for want of spares, the requirement of foreign exchange therefor and the steps being taken to secure such spares?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNA-SAHIB SHINDE): (a) to (c). A Statement