

departments of Agriculture are making use of the results with local variations. The same practices of weed control are being applied in the National Demonstrations also.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In Coordinated Crop Improvement Projects of the ICAR research is undertaken to work out losses, time of application and the economics of the control of weeds by weedicides. In the Coordinated Agronomic Experiments Scheme experiments have been specifically designed so as to obtain information on these points in different crops in different agro-climatic zones of the country.

Construction of a T. V. Tower in Bombay

*397. SHRI A. SREEDHARAN :
SHRI K. LAKAPPA :
SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD MANDAL :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to construct T. V. Tower, about 1000 ft. high, in Bombay ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the designing and fabrication work for this project has been given to Triveni Structural, Allahabad ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that M/s. Kothari and Associates have been allotted supervision and checking of bills etc. in Delhi;

(d) whether Government have no machinery of its own for the supervision and other work connected therewith for this work ; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the circumstances under which the work has been given to private parties ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) M/s. Kothari and Associates have been appointed by Government as consultants for this job.

(d) and (e). Since it is the first of its kind in India, namely, construction of 1000 ft. high tower, it was considered essential to engage a reputed consultant for continuous supervision over the entire job under unified control. Supervision by Government would have involved many agencies, and would have been more costly also.

उत्तर प्रदेश के सहकारी क्षेत्र में चीनी मिलों की स्थापना

*398. श्री ओंकार लाल बेरबा : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश के कृषि मंत्री ने यह शिकायत की है कि छोटे कृषकों की प्रतिशत संख्या के आधार पर राज्य में ग्यारह विकास खंड होने चाहिये ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि उन्होंने यह मांग की है कि गन्ने के बढ़े हुए उत्पादन को उपयोग में लाने के लिए सहकारी क्षेत्र में और अधिक चीनी मिलें स्थापित करने की अनुमति दी जाये ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस बारे में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है और अब तक इस पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अम्ना-साहेब शिन्डे) : (क) जी हां। उत्तर प्रदेश के मंत्री ने राज्य की 11 छोटे कृषक विकास एजेंसियों के नियतन की प्रार्थना के लिये दिनांक 24-5-70 को एक पत्र भेजा था।

(ख) जी हां।

(ग) राज्य सरकार को सूचित किया गया है कि राज्य के लिये पहले से नियतन की गई 4 परियोजनाओं की क्रियान्विति से प्राप्त किये गये अनुभवों के आधार पर ही छोटे कृषकों के लिये और परियोजनायें नियतन करने के बारे में विचार किया जा सकता है और कि अतिरिक्त सहकारी चीनी कारखानों के लिये विशिष्ट प्रस्ताव पूर्ण परीक्षण के लिये भेजे जायें।

Project for Multiple Cropping in Selected Areas

*399. SHRI HIMATSINGKA :
SHRI SARJOO PANDEY :
SHRI JAGESHWAR YADAV :
SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR
SINGH :
SHRI P. C. ADICHAN :

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

(a) whether there is any scheme for multiple-cropping in selected areas in India, on the pattern of cultivation in South East-Asian countries, particularly Taiwan and Philippines, visited recently by the team led by the Agricultural Commissioner; if so, the details thereof and the cost of the project ;

(b) the names of the areas selected in each State in this regard ; and

(c) when this scheme will be launched and the steps so far taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) Based on the recommendations made by the team of Experts headed by the Agricultural Commissioner to the Government of India that visited Philippines, Taiwan and Hong-Kong in October, 1969, a scheme for taking up 'Pilot Project for Multiple Cropping' has been formulated. The principle of intensive cultivation in selected areas adopted in the Scheme is the same as is being practised in certain South East Asian Countries. But, the

pattern and the details of the Scheme had obviously to be adapted to local conditions. This programme is proposed to be taken up in suitable areas where irrigation intensity is high and the cropping intensity can be increased. It is suggested that each State will initiate these projects in 2 to 3 selected blocks. The main objectives of the programme will be to establish an integrated action programme of adaptive research trials, scientific demonstrations, organised extension efforts, streamlined input supplies and credit services and organised marketing activities in the selected blocks for accelerated development of multiple cropping in the area. The project will follow multi-agency approach involving coordination of the efforts of all organisations and agencies concerned with agricultural development. The various participating institutions will supply the different components, which will be integrated into a comprehensive 'package of practices and services'. The estimated cost of establishing approximately 51 projects in different States all over the country will be nearly Rs. 3.09 crores during the 4th Plan. It has been suggested that the entire expenditure will be met by the Government of India.

(b) and (c). The Scheme has recently been approved in principle by the Planning Commission and is now being processed further. Soon after it is finalised the State Governments will be requested to select suitable districts on the basis of the prescribed criteria for implementation of the Scheme. It is proposed to initiate the Scheme for 1971-72.

Housing Facilities for Post and Telegraph Staff at New Delhi

*400. SHRI M. L. SONDHAI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the housing facilities available to the Post and Telegraph workers in New Delhi are far below the actual requirement ;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to provide Post and Telegraph workers in