

(c) if so, whether Government have investigated into the origin of the booklet ; and

(d) what action, if any, is proposed to be taken in this regard ?

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

(c) The booklet was published by Haryana Mail, Chandigarh, and was designed and produced by Taurus India Private Ltd , 14 Sunder Nagar, New Delhi. Shri Anant Singh is the printer and publisher of Haryana Mail.

(d) The Chandigarh Administration is being requested to take action against the printer and the publisher of the booklet for non-compliance with the requirements of the Press and Registration of Books Act.

Compensation to Farmers of Punjab Due to Loss Suffered from Defective RS-09 Tractors

*785. SHRI NARAYANAN :
SHRI DHANDAPANI :

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

(a) whether the Punjab Government agreed to compensate those cultivators who had suffered losses because of defects in RS-09 GDR Tractors ; and

(b) if so, whether Government have been informed about this ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). The required information is being collected from the State Government. It would be laid on the Table of the Sabha after it is received.

Demand by all India Foodgrain Dealers' Association Regarding Reorientation of Food Policy

*790. SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Federation of the All India Foodgrain Dealers' Association has called for reorientation of the country's food policy by the Chief Ministers on the basis of a "period of plenty" instead of "apprehensions of acute shortage" ;

(b) whether the Federation has demanded removal of controls on food-grain movement, scrapping of the licensing system, total abolition of rationing and a reduction in the target for reserve stock ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Federation submitted a Memorandum to the Chief Ministers' of States to that effect.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Food policy for 1970-71 has been formulated by Government in consultation with the State Governments. It has been decided that the status-quo in respect of rice zones be maintained and that, there should, as far as possible, be no further liberalisation of procurement regulations. Every effort is being made to achieve the procurement target of 5.5 million tonnes of kharif foodgrains during 1970-71 season. Government is also trying to build a buffer stock of 5 million tonnes of foodgrains by the end of the 4th Five Year Plan.

New Printing Press for Improving Quality of Stamps

*791. SHRI N.R. LASKAR :
SHRI MUHAMMAD SHERIFF :

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