

SOYABEAN

(b) and (c). As a result of the research work conducted in the country during the last five years, suitable high yielding short duration varieties have been identified and advances made in establishing optimum agronomic schedules for obtaining high yield of the crop.

Based on these results, 42 tonnes seeds of four soyabean varieties were imported in 1968 and multiplied under the aegis of the Uttar Pradesh Agricultural University and the National Seeds Corporation. During 1969, besides these institutions the Jawahar Lal Nehru Krishi Vishva Vidhalaya; some State Governments and private seed producers also took up multiplication.

A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for composite demonstration with the exotic high yielding varieties of soyabean was sanctioned by the Government of India during 1970-71 in States, where potentialities for introduction of soyabean existed, at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,70,000/. This is being continued in 1971-72 for covering an area of 600 hectares.

A programme to bring at least 400,000 hectares under soyabean by 1973-74 is being worked out in consultation with State Governments.

SUNFLOWER

Research trials conducted with four sunflower varieties obtained from Russia reveal that there are good potentialities for introduction of sunflower. Accordingly, to supplement the information of research workers, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for sunflower demonstrations has been sanctioned for implementation over an area of 900 hectares during 1971-72 with the objective of building up the technical competence of farmers for launching a phased programme for the development of

sunflower crop leading to a rapid increase in its production.

Distribution of Steel to Industries in Faridabad

*1149. SHRI LILADHAR KOTOKI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether instances have come to the notice of the Government that the steel quota granted by Joint Plant Committee to small industries in Faridabad complex has not been utilised for the purpose for which it was allotted;

(b) whether Joint Plant Committee had conducted proper inquiry before allotting steel quota to concerned industries; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of House.

बिहार में कोयला खानों में कोयला का भारी मात्रा में जमा होना

*1150. श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बिहार की कोयला खानों में भारी मात्रा में जमा कोयले के सम्बन्ध में क्या स्थिति है और कोयला खानों पर इसका क्या प्रभाव पड़ा है;