

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;

(ख) क्या अनेक खानों में अत्यधिक मात्रा में कोयला जमा हो जाने के कारण उनके कार्य में बाधा पड़ रही है; और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

इत्यात और ज्ञान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री झाहनबाबू झा) : (क) और (ख). 31 मई, 1971 को बिहार में कोयले का गर्तमुख स्टॉक लगभग 50.20 लाख टन था जबकि विगत वर्ष के तत्समान कालावधि में यह स्टॉक 43 लाख टन था। बाँधित स्टॉक के संचयन की उत्पादन में कमी, कर्मकारों की काम-बन्दी और वित्तीय परिणामों में परिणित हुई।

(ग) इसका प्रमुख कारण बंगाल-बिहार क्षेत्र में कोयले के संचयन के वैगनों की पर्याप्त संख्या में अनुपलब्धता, वैगन के पुर्जों, उपरी तारों, सिगनल देने वाले और अन्य रेलवे उपकरणों की वृहद् मात्रा में चोरी; रेलवे कर्मचारियों पर प्रहार तथा उसके परिणामस्वरूप विधि और व्यवस्था में क्षय है। भारत सरकार स्थिति से पूर्वतया अवगत है और राज्य सरकार के परामर्श से विधि और व्यवस्था में सुधार लाने और रेल-सक्रियताओं को पूर्व स्थिति में लाने के लिए कदम उठा रही है। इसके अतिरिक्त, भारत सरकार के अनुरोध पर भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने पश्चिमी बंगाल और बिहार में कार्य कर रहे पब्लिक सेक्टर में के सभ्य बैंकों को यह परामर्श दिया है कि वह कोयला खानों से वित्तीय सहायता के लिए प्राप्त अनुरोधों पर सहानुभूति पूर्वक विचार करें।

National Seed Corporation to Meet Needs of States

*1151. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Seeds Corporation has now been able to provide seeds to the States as per their demand ; and

(b) if not, how long it will take to be in a position to meet the needs of the different States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASEHÉB P. SHINDE) : (a) and (b). The National Seeds Corporation has been supplying seeds of various crops to the State Governments as per demands received in time. However, this year there has been some shortage of hybrid bajra seeds because of the seed crop having been damaged by unseasonal rain.

Licensed Railway Porters and Vendors

*1152. PROF. S. L. SAKSENA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether for certain categories of labour, such as licensed Railway Porters and Vendors, employees and employers relationship has not been acknowledged by Government ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to resolve this important issue ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) The Licensed Railway Porters and Vendors are not Railway employees. Therefore employees - employers relationship between them and Railway Administration does not arise.

(b) Does not arise.