

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Decreasing Sale of Seeds

2800. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 287 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd October, 1982 and state:

(a) whether there has been a decrease in the sale of seeds by the IARI during the last three years; and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the year-wise quantities of seeds sold by various ICAR institutes during the said period and the number of heads of cattle and poultry sold as germplasm by the concerned institutes and the corresponding annual budget allocations for each of these institutes; and

(c) whether Government propose to consider winding up of ICAR institutes and handing over their work to the concerned Agricultural Universities?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): The answer to Starred Question No. 287 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22-10-82 related to the quantity of seeds of wheat, rice, pulses and oil-seeds supplied to farmers by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research Institutes. However, the information now provided relates to the total quantity of seeds of all crops. It includes seeds supplied to farmers as well as to seed producing agencies. The relevant information is given below:

(a) No Sir, the sales of seeds by Indian Agricultural Research Institute during the last three years have not declined except for a small decline during 1981-82 because of the incidence of Karnal Bunt disease of wheat which made some of the seed stocks unacceptable. On the other hand there has been a major increase in the

quantity of seeds sold by IARI during 1982-83 as indicated below:

Quantity of seeds (in quintals) sold by IARI during the last three years (1980-81 to 1982-83):		
1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
585.01	571.17	1093.06

(b) The information is being collected from the various ICAR Institutes and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(c) No, Sir. The ICAR system envisages close cooperation and a symbiotic working partnership between the ICAR Institutes and the Agricultural Universities through the All India Coordinated Research Projects. This system has paid rich dividends till now and there is therefore no question of winding up any of the ICAR Institutes.

गंगा में नौ-परिवहन

2801. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : क्या नौबहन और परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गंगा नदी में, विशेष रूप से बिहार में नौ-परिवहन के संबंध में अभी तक क्या प्रगति हुई है ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार नदियों में निजी जहाज चलाए जाने के कार्य को अपने हाथ में लेने का विचार रखती है ?

नौबहन और परिवहन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जियाउर रहमान अंसारी) : (क) अंतर्देशीय जलमार्गों पर नौचालन राज्य का विषय है और इस संबंध में कार्यपालक उत्तरदायित्व संबंधित राज्य सरकार का है। तथापि, भारत सरकार ने गंगा नदी में प्रयोग व प्रोत्साहन देने