

Requirement of sugar

515. SHRI K. C. SEBASTIAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual requirement of sugar in the country;

(b) what is the installed capacity of sugar mills in the country; and

(c) what is the quantity of sugar produced during 1978 and 1979?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) The internal consumption of sugar in the country has varied from year to year according to the production and availability of sugar in different seasons. The present annual sugar consumption is estimated at about 52 to 54 lakh tonnes.

(b) The installed capacity of the sugar mills in the country as on 1-6-1980 is 59.91 lakh tonnes.

(c) The quantity of sugar produced during 1977-78 and 1978-79 sugar season (October—September) was 64.62 lakh tonnes and 58.44 lakh tonnes respectively. In the current 1979-80 season sugar production is estimated at about 39.5 lakh tonnes.

Commemorative stamp in honour of Seth Govind Das

516. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring out a stamp in the memory of Seth Govind Das; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN):

a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Estimated loss of life and property by natural calamities

517. SHRI K. CHATHUNNI MASTER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have estimated the losses of crops, cattle, human lives and other wealth devastated by natural calamities as drought, cyclone and floods occurred in the country during the year 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80;

(b) if so, what are the State-wise, category-wise and year-wise losses suffered during the said years with estimated value;

(c) what were the relief measures Government have taken and what amount was spent for relief works in each State during these years; and

(d) what were the allotments made by the Central Government to each State Government for relief work during these years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Functioning of National Library, Calcutta

518. SHRI SYED SHAHEDULLAH: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Library, Calcutta has no permanent Librarian since 1971; and

(b) if so; what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) A post of Librarian at the National Library, Calcutta was created in June, 1975. This post has been filled up by a regular Librarian appointed through Union Public Service Commission.