

जमीन खानून को आवंटन कर दी तथा वहाँ वसे हुए हरिजनों को पुलिस के सहारे से उस जमीन से निकाल दिया गया ;

(घ) क्या यह सच है कि जयकिशन बाल्मीकि नाम के एक व्यक्ति ने उस जमीन को जमीला खानून के नाम कर दिये जाने के विरोध में पुनर्वास विभाग कल्याण विभाग तथा आवास विभाग को बहुत-सी आपत्तियाँ कीं और उन पर सरकार ने अनेक अवसरों पर जमीन को हरिजनों को लौटा देने के लिए आदेश जारी किये थे ; और

(ङ) यदि उपरोक्त भाग (क) से (घ) तक के उत्तर 'हाँ' हो तो क्या सरकार उस जमीन के आवंटन को जमीला खानून के नाम से रद्द कर पुनः उस जमीन पर हरिजनों को बसाने की व्यवस्था पर विचार कर रहा है ?

t [Possession of land by individuals at Najafgarh, New Delhi

576. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV:
SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:
SHRI R. NARASIMHA REDDY:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND •
HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a piece of land measuring 7 bighas and 19 biswas, Khasra Nos. 10/10/2, 10/11 and 10/19, near Primary Health Centre, Najafgarh, Delhi has been in the possession of Chuni Lai Balmiki and

"9 for a pretty long time;

(b) whether it is a fact that a Hari-jan habitation and also a Balmiki temple on this land were demolished by anti-social elem

(c) whether it is a fact that on 5th November, TSWfS the Rehabilitation ment allotted this land to one Jamil-Khatun and the Harjang already inhabited there were driven out with the help of police: and

(d) whether it is a fact that Shri Jay Kishan Balmiki filed a number of objections with the Rehabilitation Depar! 'elfare Department

and the Housing Department and that on a number of occasions orders were issued to return the land to the Hari-jan; and

(e) if the answer to Parts (a) to (d) above be in the affirmative, whether Government propose to make arrangements for rehabilitating Hari-jans on that land after cancelling, the allotment thereof in the name of Jamila Khatun?]

निर्माण और आवास मंत्री (श्री प्रकाश चन्द सेठी) : (क) से (ङ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha!

Offer of the Cooperative Sugar Mills of Maharashtra

577 DR. BHAI MAHAVIR: SHRI
S.. W. DHABE: SHRI
KALRAJ MISHRA;

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cooperative sugar mills of Maharashtra have offered their entire stocks of sugar to Government at Rs. 300 a quintal; and

(b) if so, what action Government are taking in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 65 per cent of the sugar produced by these mills are already statutorily liable to be handed over to government nominees at a price of Rs. 213.73 per quintal. A price of Rs. 300 per quintal for the entire portion of sugar as offered in refore. means asking for a

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price of Rs. 462 per quintal ex-factory for the free-sale portion of 35 per cent of the sugar. In addition this would throw on the Government a responsibility for marketing the entire sugar. The government consider that the offer is not as simple as it appears on the face of it and would really amount to conceding a much higher level of cost of production and reasonable free-sale realisation than have been assumed in respect of Maharashtra zone. The offer is, therefore, not acceptable to the Government. Further, dual pricing policy is applicable uniformly to all sugar factories in the country and an arrangement in exception to this cannot be entered into in respect of one group of factories alone.

White tigers

578. SHRIMATI HAMIDA HABI-BULLAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to, state:

(a) what is the present population of white tigers in the country; and

(b) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to protect and increase the population of white tigers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN):

(a) 17 (Seventeen).

(b) The distribution of white tigers has been restricted to such zoos in the country as have the necessary experience and expertise in the breeding of tigers. Recently four white tigresses of the Delhi Zoological Park have been agreed to be sent to other zoos with a view to avoiding inbreeding and risk of epidemics and ensuring their survival and multiplication through infusion of fresh blood.

Performance of Indian Hockey Team in International Tournaments

579. SHRI S. W. DHABE:

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. BHAI MAHAVIR:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION

be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to improve the standard of hockey in our country particularly when the standard of our hockey team has steeply gone down and in international tournaments our teams had given poor performance;

(b) whether Government have received any report from the Director, National Institute of Sports, Patiala about the performance of our hockey team in the PIA champions Cup Hockey Tournament held recently in Karachi where he was sent as an observer by the Education Ministry; and

(c) if so, what are the main features of the report and what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The competitive aspect of hockey falls within the purview of the Indian Hockey Federation. However, within its legal and financial constraints, Government has been providing and will continue to provide facilities and assistance to promote and improve the standard of hockey and other games. Financial grants have been given to National Hockey Federations (men and women) for, holding national championships, organising coaching camps and meeting the passage cost of the hockey teams sent abroad for participation in international sports events.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) According to the report the poor performance of the Indian team is due to: —

(i) Selection of players who though individually good, were not in their prime and were thus not suitable to play on astro-turf where youth and stamina are necessary;

(ii) Lack of adequate and proper coaching and physical conditioning of the players before participation; and