

(b) what are the names of the offices in the said States where such committees have not so far been constituted and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the number of those offices where such committees have been constituted but no sittings have been held during the last six months?]

निर्माण और आवास मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री दलबीर सिंह) : (क) तथा (ख) सूचना सभा पटल पर रखे विवरण-पत्र में द. गई है [देखिए परिशिष्ट XCI अनुपत्र संख्या 54] जिन कार्यालयों ने अभी तक समितियां नहीं बनाई हैं, उन्हें समितियां शीघ्र बनाने के अनुरोध दिये जा रहे हैं।

(ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी :

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The information is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XCI, Annexure No. 54] The offices which have not so far set up the committees are being instructed to do so without further delay.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.]

#### Go-slow Action of the Delhi University Staff

\*468. SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the "go-slow" action of the Delhi University Staff since 10th January, 1975;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN):

(a) No, Sir. According to information received from Delhi University, there is no "go-slow" action on the part of the staff.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### Decline in Production of Vanaspati

\*469. SHRI JAGBIR SINGH:

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO:

SHRI LOKANATH MISHRA:

SHRI RABI RAY:

SHRI RAJNARAIN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vanaspati production in the country had declined in 1973 and 1974; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNA-SAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir, from 6.02 lakh tonnes in 1972 to 4.66 lakh tonnes in 1973 and 3.54 lakh tonnes in 1974.

#### Reclamation of Land

\*470. SHRI V. K. SAKHLECHA:

SHRI O. P. TYAGI:

SHRI D. THENGARI:

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of a total geographical area of 32.8 crore hectares in India, around 15 crore hectares are seriously affected by erosion, wind or water, about 70 lakh hectares by water-logging and salinity, 2

crore hectares by flood and another 2 crore hectares by inadequate drainage arrangements;

(b) if so, in what manner 19.7 crore hectares area have been reclaimed during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) what are the future plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB P. SHINDE): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### Statement

(a) Out of the total geographical area of 328 million hectares in the country, an area of about 175 million hectares is estimated to suffer from erosion by water or wind. An area of 7 million hectares is affected by salinity, alkalinity and waterlogging. An area of about 20 million hectares has a problem of inadequate drainage and is prone to floods.

(b) Out of 22 million hectares so far treated with soil conservation and land reclamation measures, an area of 5.26 million hectares was covered during the three years of 1971-74. Out of the 8 million hectares which have benefited from flood control and drainage improvement measures, an area of 1.8 million hectares was benefited in the three years 1971-74. The yearwise coverage is as follows:—

(Million Hectares)			
Year		Soil conservation	Flood control
1971-72	. .	1.49	0.4
1972-73	. .	2.17	0.2
1973-74	. .	1.60	1.2
TOTAL	. .	5.26	1.8

(c) During the Fifth Plan, an outlay of Rs. 289 crores has been made for the treatment of 5.0 million hectares of land with soil conservation measures. Besides, a provision of Rs. 281 crores has been provided for flood control and drainage improvement measures for about 1.8 million hectares.

#### Nutrition Programme

\*471. SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN:

SHRI MAQSOOD ALI KHAN:  
SHRI DEORAO PATIL:  
SHRI GUNANAND THAKUR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state the amount allocated for nutrition programme for school going children in Delhi, Bombay, Ahmedabad during the year 1975-76?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (DR. KARAN SINGH): The Mid-Day Meals Programme is intended, among other things, to improve nutritional status of school-going children. Allocation of funds to various States for this Programme during 1975-76 has not yet been finalised.

#### Increase in Cotton Production

1255. SHRI DEORAO PATIL:  
PROF. N. M. KAMBLE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of high yielding long staple varieties of cotton has increased during the current year;

(b) whether it is a fact that the production of short and medium staple varieties of cotton has fallen;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and