

Casual labourer died of electric shock

1404. SHRI P. L. KUREEL UUF TALIB:- Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(H) whether it is a fact th.it a casual labourer engaged by the Senior Conservation Assistant at Jama Masjid in Delhi has recently died as a result of electric shock while preparing ka for the Senior Conservation Assistant who was given extension:

(b) if so, what is the compensation given to the dependents of the deceased person; and

(c) what action Government propose to take against the Senior Conservation Assistant concerned for misuse of the services of the labourer?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROP. S. NURUL HASAN): (:) to (c) A casual worker was found dead in the sub-office of the Conservation Assistant at Jama Masjid in the forenoon of the 11th fifty, 1*^74. The mailer is under investigation by the Police whose report is still *awaited. Meanwhile a sum of Rs. 200 *M paid as *ex gratia* payment to the father of the deceased immediately on the spot.

कपास की खेती वाली भूमि

1405. श्री देवराव पाटिल : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस तथ्य की जानकारी है कि इस वर्ष जितनी भूमि पर कपास की खेती की गई है वह पिछले वर्ष से कम है;

(ख) क्या इस वर्ष अपर्याप्त वर्षा होने के कारण कपास की फसल बहुत कम होने की संभावना है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने कपास के उत्पादन में कमी को दूर करने तथा यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कि इस उद्योग पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव न पड़े क्या कदम उठाए हैं ?

'I Acreage under Cotton cultivaiiw

1405. SHRI DEORAO PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aw « ; oi the fact that total acreage of land under cotton cultivation this year will be less than that of the last year:

(b) whether in view of the fact that due to insufficient rainfall this >ei the yield of cotton is expected to be qui'; less; and

(c) if so, what action has been Mkea by Government to avert the loss i I pro-duction of cotton and also to ensure that this industry is not adversely affected?!

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अण्णमल्लेश्वर शिन्दे) : (क) 1974-75 के दौरान कपास की बुवाई के अन्तर्गत क्षेत्र के प्रारम्भिक अनुमान सभी राज्यों में उपलब्ध नहीं हुए हैं। सभी बुवाई का मौसम भी समाप्त नहीं हुआ है। अतः पिछले वर्ष की अवधि में कपास की बुवाई के क्षेत्र के साथ तुलना करने का प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

(ख) मई और जून के महीनों में अपर्याप्त वर्षा हुई थी, परन्तु कपास उत्पादक राज्यों में जुलाई, 1974 के पहले और तीसरे सप्ताहों के दौरान अच्छी वर्षा हुई है। फिर भी महाराष्ट्र, गुजरात, राजस्थान आदि कपास उगाने वाले महत्वपूर्ण राज्यों और मध्य प्रदेश के कुछ भागों में वर्षा अपर्याप्त और सामान्य से कम हुई है। महाराष्ट्र के विदर्भ क्षेत्र के कुछ भागों और मराठवाड़ा में विशेष तौर से कमी देखने में आई है। इससे कपास की उपज पर कुछ हद तक प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ने की संभावना है।

(ग) कपास उगाने वाले महत्वपूर्ण राज्यों में केन्द्रीय संचालित मध्य कपास जिला कार्यक्रम की क्रियान्विति होने से, सिंचाई परियोजनाओं के

t[] English translation.

कपास क्षेत्रों कावस की परती भूमि में कपास की खेती शुरू करने से तथा राज्य के पैकेज कार्यक्रम की क्रियान्विति करने, अधिक उत्पादनशील किस्मों व अन्य उत्तम कोटि की कपास की खेती का विस्तार करने से कपास के उत्पादन में होने वाली मामूली हानि पूरी होने की आशा है।

t[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) Preliminary estimates of area under cotton crop during 1974-75 have not yet become available from the States. The sowing is also not yet over. As such the question of making comparison with last year's area under cotton does not arise.

(b) The rainfall was insufficient in the of May and June but good rains were reported in several cotton growing States during the first week and third week of July, 1974. The total rainfall was, however, inadequate and below normal in important cotton growing States like Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan and in some parts of Madhya Pradesh. The deficiency was particularly pronounced in Maharashtra and some parts of Vidarbha region of Maharashtra. This is expected to affect the cotton yield adversely to some extent.

(c) With the implementation of Centrally Sponsored Intensive Cotton District Programme in the important cotton growing States by covering larger areas under flu inland of irrigated projects, rice-fallow etc., and implementation of State Programmes, extension of area under high-yielding and other quality it is expected that marginal loss in cotton production will be made good.]

Number of posts in ports

1406. SHRI NIREN GHOSH . Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

v(a) the number of top posts which are lying vacant at present in various ports;

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(b) what are the ports and what are the posts lying vacant, since how long each post has been lying vacant and for what reasons: and

(c) to what extent the working of the major ports has been affected as a result thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE):

(a) The top posts, namely, that of Chairman in all the major Port Trusts are statutory posts and no such post is lying vacant. Major Ports of few Mangalore and New Tuticorin are administered directly by the Central Government through the Chief Engineers and Administrators who are in position at both these Ports.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Shops containing wooden lofts in the markets of Delhi/New Delhi

1407. SHRI SALIL KUMAR GAN-GULY : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that shopkeepers in the municipal markets of New Delhi are permitted to construct wooden lofts in their shops;

(b) if so, the number of such shops in the various municipal markets;

(c) whether it is also a fact that licences of certain shops in Begum Zaidi Market have been cancelled by NDMC on the ground that wooden lofts were constructed therein, if so, the reasons therefor; and

fd) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to allow the existence of old wooden lofts in the shops in such markets, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI OM MEHTA) : (a) Not