

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अण्णा-साहेब शिन्दे) : लाख उत्पादन की व्यवस्था राज्य सरकारें कर रही हैं। तथापि विकास कार्यक्रमों को नियोजित और समन्वित करने के उद्देश्य से केन्द्रीय स्तर पर एक लाख विकास निदेशालय पहले से ही कार्य कर रहा है जिसका मुख्य कार्यालय रांची में है। इसके अलावा लाख के विकास, विपणन, व्यापार, मूल्यों आदि से संबंधित मामलों पर भारत सरकार को सलाह देने के लिये एक भारतीय लाख विकास परिषद् का भी गठन किया गया है जिसमें केन्द्रीय तथा राज्य सरकारों, उत्पादकों, व्यापारियों आदि के प्रतिनिधि शामिल हैं।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): Lac production is being organised by the State Governments. However, with a view to planning and coordinating the development programmes a Directorate of Lac Development with its Headquarters at Ranchi is already functioning at the Central level. Besides, an Indian Lac Development Council comprising the representatives of Central and State Governments, growers, traders etc. has also been set up to advise the Government of India on matters relating to the development, marketing, trading, prices etc.]

लाख का उत्पादन और निर्यात

1887. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या यह सच है कि देश में उत्पादित लाख का अधिकांश भाग निर्यात किया जाता है और क्या उसके उत्पादन को बढ़ाने की दृष्टि से सरकार यह काम औद्योगिक विकास मंत्रालय को सौंपने का विचार रखती है ?

†l Production and export of Lac

1087. SHRI J. P. YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that most of the lac produced in the country is exported and whether with a view to augment its production, Government propose to hand over this work to the Ministry of Industrial Development?]

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अण्णा-साहेब शिन्दे) : जी, हां। देश में उत्पादित लाख का अधिकांश भाग निर्यात किया जाता है। यह कार्य औद्योगिक विकास मंत्रालय को स्थानान्तरण करने संबंधी प्रस्ताव की इस मंत्रालय को कोई जानकारी नहीं है।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): Yes, Sir. Most of the lac produced in the country is exported. This Ministry is not aware of any proposal for the transfer of this work to the Ministry of Industrial Development.]

Taking over of Konkan coastal shipping services

1088. MISS SAROJ PURUSHOT-TAM KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government have recommended to the Central Government to take over the Konkan Coastal Shipping Services run by the Chowgule Steamships Ltd.; and

(b) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI KAMALA-PATI TRIPATHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The two ships with which the Konkan Coastal Passenger Service was being operated by Chowgule Steamships Ltd., were taken over by Government

on 7-11-73 under the Konkan Passenger Ships (Acquisition) Ordinance, 1973 (No. 4 of 1973). The Ownership of these ships has been vested by Government in Mogul Line Ltd., a public sector shipping company who are now operating this service from 14-11-73.

Visit of C.P.W.D. Team to Iraq

1089. MISS SAROJ PURUSHOT-TAM KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a four-member delegation headed by the Chief Engineer of CPWD visited Iraq to explore the scope of Indian assistance to be provided under an agreement for construction of large projects and collaboration in major public works there; and

(b) if so, whether the setting up of house building plants there have since been finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI OM MEHTA): (a) On the invitation of the Government of Iraq, the Government of India deputed to Iraq a delegation of four technical experts headed by the Engineer-in-Chief, C.P.W.D., to explore the possibilities of cooperation between the two countries in the field of construction and public works.

(b) A communication has been sent to the Government of Iraq indicating the readiness of the Hindustan Housing Factory to set up two prefabrication plants.

Programme for the Cultivation of Pulses

1090. MISS SAROJ PURUSHOT-TAM KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to launch emergency pulse cultivation programmes all over the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) No, Sir. However, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on production programme for pulse crops has been launched from Kharif 1972 in 15 States and will be continued during the 5th Plan.

(b) Under the above scheme financial assistance has been provided to the State Governments as subsidy for (i) laying out extension demonstrations, (ii) nucleus seed and foundation seed multiplication, (iii) plant protection chemicals for adoption of plant protection measures by farmers, (iv) supply of seed of short duration and "improved varieties of pulses, and (v) equipping the micro-biological laboratories of the State Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Universities for production of rhizobium culture for supply to the farmers.

C. F. Andrews Centenary

1091. SHRI DWIJENDRALAL SEN GUPTA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned by Government for the celebration of Rev. C. F. Andrews centenary;

(b) how the amount has been utilised; and

(c) whether Government have any scheme to publish the writings of Rev. C. F. Andrews?