

on the 1st November 1973 and have not been declared permanent Government servants and the action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter; and

(c) the total number of Junior Engineers (Civil and Electrical) working with C.P.W.D, as on 1st November, 1973?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI OM MEHTA): (a) to (c) The Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Shortage of Pulses

518. SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL:

SHRI K. C. PANDA:

SHRI DEBANANDA AMAT:

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA:

SHRI M. K. MOHTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE : be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to a report published in the Indian Express dated 10th September, 1973, to the effect that India produces only half the quantity of its requirements of pulses;

(b) whether the Central Government are planning to launch pulses cultivation programmes in several districts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which cultivation of pulses will increase consequently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir; but it is not a fact that the production of pulses is half the quantity required as reported in the press, although it is not enough to meet the requirements of the country.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Central Government have initiated intensive pulses cultivation under the centrally sponsored scheme in kharif 1972.

(c) Under this scheme central assistance as subsidy has been provided to the state governments for:

(i) laying out of extension demonstrations,

(ii) nucleus and foundation seed multiplication,

(iii) plant protection chemicals,

(iv) supply of seed of short duration and improved varieties of pulses, and

(v) equipping of the microbiological laboratories of the state Departments of Agri./Agricultural Universities for production of rhizobium culture for supply to the farmers. As a result of these efforts the production of pulses is expected to increase by one million tonnes during 1973-74.

W.H.O. On Malaria and Smallpox in India

519. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD :
SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief of the World Health Organisation recently said that in India the programmes for eradication of malaria and smallpox had received setbacks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the number of persons who were affected by smallpox and malaria in 1971-72 and 1972-73 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANING (PROF. A. K. KISKU) : (a) and (b) It has been indicated in the Annual Report of the Regional Director, World Health Organisation for South East Asia for the year 1972-73 that there had been numerous setbacks to the anti-malaria programme in India and that there had been a steady increase in the number of malaria cases occurring in major towns. It has also been mentioned that efforts to control urban malaria

had been considerably increased and that in the pilot project at Jodhpur ultra-low-volume techniques of insecticide spraying had been continued and the results of early experiments had been encouraging.

Regarding smallpox, it has been indicated in the same report that there had been an increase in the number of cases reported in India and that major epidemics had occurred in the highly endemic northern States. It has also been mentioned that efforts were concentrated on preventing the spread of infection and on controlling epidemics in the most highly infected regions and that by June 1973 some improvement in the situation had been registered.

(c) The number of persons affected in 1971 and 1972 are given below:—

Year	Small Pox	Malaria
1971	16,166	1,323,100
1972	27,407	1,362,806

Fall of Foodgrain Prices in United Kingdom

520. SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL :
SHRI DEBANANDA AMAT :
SHRI K. C. PANDA :
SHRI CHANDRAMOULI JAGARLAMUDI :
SHRI LOKANATH MISRA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the decline in the foodgrain prices in the British market during the months of September and October, 1973 helped India to purchase foodgrains from the United Kingdom at reasonable prices; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE): (a) and (b) No foodgrains have been purchased from the United Kingdom.

Gajendragadkar Commission Report

521. SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH :
SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR :
SHRI KRISHAN KANT :
SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL :
DR. Z. A. AHMAD :
SHRI SANDA NARAYAN-APPA :
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI :
SHRI J. S. TTLAK :
SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE :
SHRI CHANDRAMOULI JAGARLAMUDI :
SHRI M. K. MOHTA :
SHRI GURUMUKH SINGH MUSAFIR :
SHRI MAN SINGH VARMA :
SHRI PREM MANOHAR :
SHRI V. K. SAKHLECHA :
DR. BHAI MAHAVIR :
SHRI PITAMBER DAS :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 1085 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd August, 1973 and state :

(a) whether final decisions on the recommendations of the Gajendragadkar Commission on the Indian Council of Agricultural Research have since been taken; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE): (a) and (b) Government have recently taken decisions on the reorganisation of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in the light of the recommendations of the ICAR Inquiry Committee. A Statement indicating these decisions was laid by the Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture on the Table of the Sabha on the 12th November, 1973. A discussion on Government decisions was held in the Sabha on the 15th November, 1973.