

(b) whether it is also a fact that a parti, cular (b) The required information is being collected firm has been prosecuted thirteen times by the and will be laid on the Table o^ the Sabha. Delhi Municipal Corporation for running a trade without licence; and

(c) if so, action taken/proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to PLANNING (PROF. A. K. KISKU) : (a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) The firm has been prosecuted for the offences.

Target of Literacy Percentage during Fifth Plan Period

1107. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state what is the target of literacy percentage estimated and visualis_ ed by the Planning Commission during the Fifth Five Year Plan period in respect of total population there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): The Fifth Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised and is under discussion with State Governments. No definite targe_t of literacy percentage has so far been estimated or visualised by the Planning Commission.

Shortage of Fertiliser

1016, SHRI VITHAL GADGIL :

SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKAR ADIVAREKAR :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the shortage of fertiliser in the world market this year is likely to affect the supply of fertilisers to Indian agriculturists, if so to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : Yes, Sir. The shortage of fertiliser in the world market also is likely to affect the availa-ability in the country during 1973-74 to the extent of 9% of requirements assessed "by the Government.

Seizure of Foodgrains

1104. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) total amount of hoarded food arti. cles seized so far in 1973 in different States ; and

(b) total persons arrested in connection with the seizure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) and

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New Plant Breeding Technique

1123. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press report publish ed in the Indian Express dated the 30th June, 1973 regarding developing a new plant breeding technique by an Indian scientist working in New Zealand; and

(b) if so, whether such an experimen is being carried out in India and whethe_r Government propose to have a link with the Indian scientist in New Zealand in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) Yes, the Government is aware of the latest plant breeding technique mentioned in the Press Report.