

(b) the quantity made available for controlled distribution and free sales year-wise;

(c) the prices yearwise;

(d) steps taken to increase production of sugar and to bring down prices thereof; and

(e) the profits earned by sugar industry during each of these years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix LXXXIV, Annexure No. 5]

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : May I know whether it is a fact that the Indian Sugar Mills Association has given a memorandum complaining about the criticism made against the nationalisation of the Sugar industry and, if so, what is the view of the Government?

PROF. SHER SINGH : " We received a memorandum recently . . .

SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAL : Does it include co-operatives?

PROF. SHER SINGH: In that they have suggested that they are prepared to help the sick mills and so on. That will be examined only after the interim report of the Enquiry Commission on the Nationalisation of the Sugar Industry is received.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : Was the Government and its thinkers quite in favour of getting advice from the Indian Sugar Mills Association?

PROF. SHER SINGH : We have not sought any advice from the Indian Sugar Mills Association. On their own they have done it and we have never asked for it.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The Question Hour is over.
12 RSS/73—2.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

TAKING OVER OF WHEAT AND OTHER FOODGRAINS TRADE

♦39. SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH :

SHRI SAWAI SINGH S1SODIA ;
SHRI BRAHMANANDA

PANDA: SHRI MOHAMMED
USMAN

ARIF: SHRI J. S. TILAK ;
SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR ;
SHRI KRISHAN KANT : SHRI
BABUBHAI M. CHINAL : SHRI A.
G. KULKARNI : DR. Z. A. AHMAD
: SHRI BHOLA PRASAD : SHRI
SANDA NARAYANAPPA : SHRI
SARDAR AMJAD ALI : SHRI
SHYAMLAL GUPTA : SHRI J. P.
YADAV :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the States and Union territories which have taken over the whole-sale trade of wheat and other foodgrains;

(b) the details of the schemes and progress made so far with agencies set up for procurement and distribution in each State/ Union territory;

(c) whether any procurement levy has been imposed on the cultivators in any of the States/Union Territories;

(d) the impact of such taken over on prices and reaction of farmers in this regard and the concrete measures adopted by Government to avoid the hoarding of food-grains by grain dealers;

(e) whether Government have made any assessment of the working of the States' take over of foodgrain trade and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the total expenditure incurred by Government on the takeover, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha, [See Appendix LXXXIV, Annexure No. 6]

SETTING UP OF SPORTS SCHOOLS

40. SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL : SHRI LOKANATH MISRA : SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO : SHRI DEBANANDA AMAT : SHRI M. K. MOHTA : SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL : SHRI K. C. PANDA :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had decided some time back to set up five sports schools in various regions of India;

(b) if so, whether a decision has been taken as to the exact location of these schools;

(c) whether the decision is based on the recommendations of the All India Council of Sports; and

(d) the salient features of such schools and financial implications thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) to (d) The matter is still under examination.

SHORTAGE OF FOODGRAINS

41. SHRI GUNANAND THAKUR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of foodgrains in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) and (b) In the absence of any comprehensive scientific survey on consumption, it is not possible to frame precise quantitative estimates of requirements and also of the shortage in foodgrains. Available reports received from the different States, however, have shown shortfall in the production of kharif foodgrains during the year 1972-73. An emergency agricultural production programme has been launched to increase production of rabi and summer foodgrains. A limited quantity of foodgrains is also being imported to tide over the present shortfall situation. As a long-term measure, wholesale trade in wheat and rice is being taken over from the current respective seasons.

COMMITTEE ON STATUS OF WOMEN

♦42. SHRIMATI SUMITRA G. KULKARNI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state whether the Committee on Status of Women has completed its report; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : The Committee on the Status of Women in India was appointed in September 1971 and requested to submit its report within two years.

COCHIN SHIPYARD

43. SHRI S. KUMARAN : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present stage of the construction work of Cochin Shipyard;

(b) by when the work is likely to be completed?