

Bangla Desh followed by Indo-Pakistan hostilities dislocated transportation of fertilisers to the State during 1971-72. During 1972-73, shortfall in supply was mainly due to lags in domestic production of fertilisers and constraints felt in import. The following steps have been undertaken to meet the requirements of fertilisers of the States including West Bengal, to the maximum extent possible during the current year.

(i) A drive has been undertaken to maximise domestic production of fertilisers and to set up more fertiliser plants.

(ii) All out efforts are being made at the highest level to procure maximum quantities of fertilisers from abroad, despite the difficult conditions of availability of fertilisers in the world market. In this context efforts are being made to contract imports sufficiently in advance and on long-term basis to minimise the uncertainties of import procurement.

(iii) The fulfilment of commitments of supply of fertilisers by various domestic fertiliser factories to various States has been made compulsory and legally enforceable under the Essential Commodities Act.

(iv) The procedure for drawing up a coordinated supply plan for imported and domestic fertiliser has been further streamlined, particularly with a view to rationalising to the extent possible the movements in tune with the Railway's operational plans to enable them to give the maximum priority to fertiliser movement. This has resulted in considerable improvement in the transportation and distribution of both imported and domestic fertilisers.

#### WORKING OF VISWABHARATI

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be

pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware of the widespread and rapidly growing feeling of resentment that the Viswabharati of Santiniketan has fallen far away from the path which was chalked out by Rabindranath, and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to restore it to its original path?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN) (a) and (b) While preserving the essential spirit of its founder, Visva Bharati has kept pace with the changing needs of the time.

#### AUCTION OF SHOPS IN VASANT VIHAR

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Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA auctioned some built-in shops on 29th August, 1972 in Convenient Shopping Centre, Block A, Poorvi Marg, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi and subsequently rejected their bids without assigning any reason,

(b) whether these shops were re-auctioned at a later date and if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) whether any representation has been received in this regard by the aggrieved parties and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI OM MEHTA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Consequent on the rejection of the earlier bids, the shops had to be re-auctioned.

(c) A representation has recently been received by the Delhi Development Authority and is being examined.