

- (b) if so, the results thereof; and
 (c) the punishment that has been awarded to the concerned persons?]

संसदीय कार्य विभाग तथा निर्माण और आवास मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री ओम मेहता): (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है।

[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING : (a) to (c) Information is being collected.]

NATIONALISATION OF SUGAR INDUSTRY IN UTTAR PRADESH

1045. SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI :
 SHRI HARSH DEO
 MALAVIYA: SHRI HIMMAT
 SINGH :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 1843 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th March, 1973 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Uttar Pradesh have sent to the Central Government a draft bill for nationalisation of Sugar Industry in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) A draft Ordinance has been received.

(b) The Ordinance is under consideration.

FORMATION OF BOOK FINANCE CORPORATION

1046. SHRI SHYAM LAL GUPTA :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Seminar on Market and Distribution of Books held in Calcutta in January, 1973 had *inter alia* recommended the formation of Book Finance Corporation; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The feasibility of setting up a Book Finance Corporation has been under study by the Government even before the Seminar made this recommendation.

PURCHASE OF MILO FROM U.S.A.

1047. SHRI DEBANANDA A MAT :
 SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL :
 SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO : SHRI
 LOKANATH MISRA : SHRI
 SUNDAR MANI PATEL :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently studied the allegations that milo was purchased from United States at higher than the prevailing market rates ;

(b) whether in this regard Government's attention has been invited to the report published in the Hindustan Times of 5th April, 1973 to the effect that such allegations are not based on facts; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) to (c) The Government is looking into various facts relating to the purchase of milo from abroad in consultation with the India Supply Mission, Washington.