

These are the figures of allocations in the Central sector for Scheduled tribes which I have stated. I will look into the matter and if there is any discrepancy, I shall make a statement before the House.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

भूत पूर्व नरेशों के पास कृषि-फार्म

* 101. सरदार गुरचरण सिंह टोहड़ा : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भूतपूर्व नरेशों में ऐसे पहले दस नरेश कौन-कौन हैं जिनके पास सबसे बड़े कृषि-फार्म हैं; और

(ख) उन फार्मों के संबंध में व्यौरा क्या है ?

‡EX-RULERS HAVING AGRICULTURAL FARMS

*101. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE/कृषि मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the first ten among the former rulers who are owning the largest agricultural farms; and

(b) what are the details with regard to those farms ?]

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अण्णासाहेब शिंदे) : (क) तथा (ख) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और राज्य सरकारों से प्राप्त होते ही समा पटल पर रख दी जायगी ।

‡[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE/कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

†Transferred from the 18th November, 1971.

‡[] English translation.

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(SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.]

INCREASE IN THE COTTON PRODUCTION

*365. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA . Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE/कृषि मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that cotton production can be raised by 17 per cent to 30 per cent through dwarfing of the plants which was demonstrated by the research scholars of the Punjab Agriculture University in different States;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to adopt the dwarfing system to meet the shortage of cotton in the country;

(c) whether the Indian Cotton Mills Federation at its meeting held recently has estimated the requirement of raw cotton to the extent of eight million bales by the end of 1973-74; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to increase the production of cotton ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE/कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) :

(a) to (d) A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) It has been reported that in experiments conducted by the Punjab Agricultural University, the yields of cotton through dwarfing of the plant has been increased by about 17% by spraying a growth retardant known as cycocel.

(b) The use of this chemical on large scale is being advocated for raising cotton production in the northern States where cotton attains a rank growth. To encourage its use, a subsidy of 33-1/3% has been provided by the Government of India.

(c) No official intimation has been received from the Indian Cotton Mills Federation. However, keeping in view the requirements of raw cotton, the Fourth Plan target of cotton production has been fixed at 80 lakh bales.

(d) With a view to increasing the production of cotton the steps being taken by the Central and State Government are :—

(i) Intensification of research to evolve high yielding varieties;

(ii) Intensive cultivation of cotton in selected areas under irrigation and assured rainfall conditions;

(iii) The control of pests and diseases on campaign basis through ground and aerial spraying;

(iv) Development and extension of Hybrid-4 cotton—a high yielding variety;

(v) Development of cotton under irrigation projects in Nagarjunasagar project in Andhra Pradesh. Tungabhadra Project in Mysore and Rajasathan Canal.

In addition to this an Intensive Cotton District Programme is being implemented from 1971-72 onwards in selected districts of important cotton growing States.

PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION OF FERTILIZERS

*366. SHRI CHANDRAMOULI JAGARLAMUDI :

SHRI K. C. PANDA :

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA :

SHRI SUNDAR MANI PA-
TEL :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE/
कृषि मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) the per capita consumption of fertilizers by farmers in the country during the last three years and during the current year to-date ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the per capita consumption of fertilizers in the country has decreased; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE/
कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री :
(SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE) : (a)
to (c) A statement is placed on the table
of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) The consumption of fertilizers per capita per farmer during the past three years and for kharif, 1971 is as follows :—

Year	Per capita (in consumption Kgs.)			
	N	P	K	Total
1968-69	15	5	2	22
1969-70	18	6	2	26
1970-71	19	6	3	28
Kharif, 1971	9	3	1	13

The total number of farmers has been assumed to be constant at its level reported in 1971 census.

(b) It will be seen from (a) above that per capita fertilizer consumption by farmers is increasing.

(c) Does not arise.

LOWER RATE OF INTEREST FOR SMALL FARMERS

*367. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA :
SHRI M. K. MOHTA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE/
कृषि मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Registrars of Cooperatives have rejected the proposal to charge lower rate of interest from Small Farmers as recommended by the Hazari Committee; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and reaction of the Government of India with regard thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE/
कृषि मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (SHRI
JAGANNATH PAHADIA) : (a) and
(b) A statement is laid on the Table of
the Sabha.