

ABOLITION OF WHEAT ZONES

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SHRI SWAISINGH SISODIA ;
SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state -

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Ministers at the National Development Council Meeting held in March, 1970 have favoured the abolition of wheat zones in the country, and

(b) the reaction of the Union Government thereto and whether any final decision has been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) (a) The Chief Ministers and Food Ministers of 14 States met on 22nd March, 1970 after the Meeting of the National Development Council to discuss rabi policy for the 1970-71 season. The consensus of opinion at the conference was that the entire country excepting the statutorily rationed areas be made one zone in respect of wheat.

(b) The entire country (excepting the statutorily rationed areas in Maharashtra and West Bengal States, has been made one zone for wheat, with effect from 4th April, 1970.

*134. [Transferred to the 11th May, 1970]

PRINCIPAL INSTITUTE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT CATERING AND NUTRITION
NEW DELHI

*135 DR BHAI MAHAVIR .
SHRI LAL K ADVANI

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state -

(a) whether it is a fact that ever since its inception there has been no regular, properly qualified and duly selected Principal in the Institute of Hotel Management Catering and Nutrition New Delhi;

(b) whether as a result of this, Mr. V K A Menon who had gone abroad at Government expense for higher training, left his post to join private service,

(c) whether a new person has been appointed in a scale higher than the original grade and the post is being upgraded for him without advertising it properly, although he has no teaching experience,

(d) whether it is also a fact that a number of officers of the Department of Tourism have been appointed part-time lecturers though they have no teaching experience or academic background; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken to set the things right ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) (a) No, Sir. Difficulties have however, been experienced in selecting a suitable incumbent to the post from time to time.

(b) No, Sir. Shri Menon left his post as Vice-Principal of the Institute to improve his prospects.

(c) The present incumbent who fulfilled the prescribed qualifications was appointed on the basis of selection in response to open advertisement in the Press. It was stated in the advertisement that the salary would be fixed on merits. Pending fixation of suitable scale for the officer, he was appointed on his grade pay plus deputation allowance as admissible under the rules.

(d) An Officer of the Department of Tourism who is incharge of training in that Department was appointed as part-time lecturer for "Tourism" which is one of the subjects for study.

(e) Does not arise.

DANDAKARANYA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

*136 SHRI BALACHANDRA MENON
SHRI M V BHADRAM :
SHRI S G SARDESAI

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state -

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh Government has turned down the Dandakaranya Development Authority's proposal to extend its coverage to Bastar District in the State,

(b) if so, what are the grounds on which the proposal has been turned down,

(c) whether the State Government has offered any other land for the expansion of the Dandakaranya project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Government of Madhya Pradesh has agreed to the constitution of a Team consisting of officers of the State Government and the Dandakaranya Development Authority to survey the areas contiguous to the existing Zones, with a view to locating more lands suitable for agricultural resettlement.

ENGINEERING SUPERVISORS IN P. AND T.

*137. SHRI CANESHI LAL CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the minimum qualification for the recruitment of engineering supervisors in the P. and T. Department has been raised from Intermediate Science to Bachelor of Science; and

(b) if so, whether their pay scale has also been raised ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SATYA NARAYAN SINHA) : (a) Yes, the minimum qualification now required in order of preference is

(i) Engineering Graduate

(ii) Science Graduate

(iii) The recognized diplomas in one of the specified Engineering disciplines.

(b) No, the pay scale has not been raised, but Engineering graduates are given a higher start with six advance increments.

NATIONALISATION OF WHOLESALE TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

*138 SHRI M. V. BHADRAM :

SHRI BALACHANDRA MENON :

SHRI M. K. MOHTA :

SHRI NIRANJAN VARMA :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Convention of Foodgrain Dealers convened recently by the All-India Federation of Foodgrain Dealers Associations had sharply attacked the move to nationalise wholesale trade in major agricultural commodities;

(b) whether the Convention had threatened that any measure at nationalisation of wholesale trade in foodgrains would be challenged in a Court of law; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) Government have seen newspaper reports of the proceedings of the convention of foodgrain traders held on April 12, 1970 under the auspices of the All India Federation of Foodgrain Dealers Association at New Delhi.

(b) Government have no authentic information as they have only seen newspaper reports of the proceedings of the convention.

(c) Does not arise.

*139. [Transferred to the 7th May, 1970.]

T. V. STATION IN SRINAGAR AND BOMBAY

*140. SHRI SYED HUSSAIN :

SHRI SWAISINGH SISODIA :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the necessary formalities have since been completed for the proposed TV stations in Srinagar and Bombay; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Work on both the projects is under way.

DRY FARMING IN THE COUNTRY

*141. SHRI RAJENDRA PRATAP SINHA :

SHRI KRISHAN KANT :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :