

(c) if so, the names of the States where there has been resistance towards the use of new variety of seeds; and

(d) the measures taken to introduce new seeds in the States to augment production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Madam. The Punjab Government has estimated that 39.50 lakh tonnes of wheat has been produced during 1968-69 against previous years (1967-68) production of 33-35 lakhs tonnes.

(b) to (d). The information is being collected from State Governments and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as received.

दिल्ली/नई दिल्ली के होटलों में गोमांस का परोसा जाना

694. श्री राम सहाय : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली/नई दिल्ली में ऐसे कितने होटल में जिनमें गोमांस परोसा जाता है;

(ख) इन होटलों में गोमांस न परोसा जाये इसके लिये क्या सरकार ने कोई कदम उठाये है; यदि कोई कदम नहीं उठाये हैं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या इस संबंध में दिल्ली नगर निगम ने कोई सुझाव दिये हैं ?

•f [SERVING OF BEAF IN HOTELS IN DELHI/ NEW DELHI

694. SHRI RAM SAHAI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of hotels in Delhi/New Delhi where beaf is served;

(b) whether any steps have been taken by Government to see that beaf is not served in these hotels, if no such steps have been taken, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Municipal Corporation of Delhi has made any suggestions in this regard ?]

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास और सह-कारिता मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अण्णासाहेब शिन्दे) : (क) से (ग) जानकारी एकत्रित की जा रही है और यथा संभव सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN" THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha, as soon as possible.]

DECREASE IN PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF LAND

695. SARDAR D. K. JADHAV : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a survey conducted by the Rural Agricultural Institute, Bichpuri the production capacity of land in our country has gone down by ten per cent since the beginning of the present century;

(b) if so, what are the other conclusion of this survey; and

(c) theieaction of Government thereto ?'

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) to (c). In an article published in the Agra University Research Journal 10 years ago (in January 1959) a scholar of the Rural Institute, Bichpuri, Agra, had explained his finding about the decline in the average productivity of land by about 10%. According to him, two problems were behind the decline, namely, the problem of drainage and the other increasing deficiency of humus or organic manure in the soil.

The study is not only out of date but is based upon data which are not directly comparable and which have not been subjected to adjustments. The conclusions are not relevant to the present situation resulting from the technology of the high, yielding varieties and multiple cropping programmes.

t[] English translation.

The trend according to the index numbers compiled in the Department of Agriculture is towards higher productivity, the index numbers having gone up from base line of 100 in 1949-50 to 130.1 for foodgrains, 107.9 for non-foodgrains and 126.6 for all commodities in 1967-68.

REPORT OF STUDY GROUP OF LABOUR LEGISLATION

696. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred question No. 548 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 1969 and state :

(a) whether Government have received the recommendation of the National Commission on Labour in respect of the report of the Study Group on Labour Legislation; and

(b) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, by when it is likely to be received ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) No, Madam.

(b) The National Commission on Labour expects to submit its report by the end of August, 1969.

PILOT PROJECT TO MAKE SMALL FARMERS CREDIT-WORTHY

697. SHRI Z. A. AHMAD :
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD :

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

(a) whether Government have decided to launch a pilot project to help the marginally viable small farmers to become credit worthy and to take to intensive cultivation of high yielding varieties; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Madam. The Government have decided to launch a pilot project by establishing Small Farmers Development Agencies to help the marginally viable small farmers to become credit worthy and to take to intensive cultivation of high-yielding varieties.

(b) The main features of the Pilot project would be as under :

The Small Farmers Development Agencies would be set up in 20/21 selected districts throughout the country during the Fourth Five Year Plan. The Agency would be a registered society.

Agency will identify the problems of small but potentially viable farmers in its area and ensue the availability of services inputs and credit to them. It will draw up model plans for investment and production activities to be undertaken by these small farmers. It will coordinate the activities of the existing institutions cooperatives as well as private, local bodies such as Zila Parishad and others engaged in the supply of these services and inputs. The agency will provide grants to Central Cooperative Banks, the Agricultural Credit Societies and the Cooperative Land Development Banks to cover their loaning risks for financing such farmers, and to help them build up special funds for the purposes. It will provide subsidy to the cooperative institutions to strengthen their managerial and supervisory staff. It will arrange to provide custom services by supplying tractors, agricultural machinery, rigs, boring equipment on hire at reasonable rates to the small farmers. It will render assistance for development of animal husbandry and poultry to add to the income of the small farmers.

About 50,000 small farmers are likely to be covered during the period of Fourth Five Year Plan in each district.

The details of the schemes are to be finalised in consultation with the local institutions b) the Agencies. The scheme has yet to be approved by the Expenditure Finance Committee.

EXPENDITURE INCURRED BY THE STAFF OF DIRECTOR OF LABOUR BUREAU

698. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a lot of expenditure is being incurred as a regular feature by the officers and members of the staff of the Director of Labour Bureau, Simla, in the movement between Delhi and Simla for official purposes;

(b) what has been the expenditure during the year 1968-69;