

establishment of 30 Agricultural Machinery Hiring Centres with a large number of Sub centres for the benefit of farmers has been included in the Fourth Five Year Plan.

(b) According to the model scheme drawn up, each centre would be divided into 2 operational units and each operational unit will be divided into 4 field units with each unit having 6 to 7 tractors stationed at the works site or village. The actual number of tractors, implements and other machines that may be selected for each centre would depend upon their need and usefulness under local conditions and would be determined by the Agro-Industries Corporations, wherever these have been established or by the State Governments concerned directly, which will implement the scheme.

(c) Each tractor is expected to cater to the needs of cultivators owning land in an area of about 1,500 acres and with machines proposed for each centre, about 7,000 acres will be covered.

SETTING UP OF SEED FARMS DURING FOURTH PLAN

*254. DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up seed farms in various States during the Fourth Five Year Plan to meet the increasing demand for seeds; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) and (b) In addition to the existing Central State Farms, it is propos-

ed to set up one Central State Farm in the Raichur District of Mysore and another in the Cannanore district of Kerala primarily for production of quality seed. It is also proposed during the Fourth Five Year Plan to strengthen the existing seed farms numbering about 4,000 already established by the State Governments with the object of producing quality seeds. It is also proposed to execute a project for seed production in the Tarai area of Uttar Pradesh with financial assistance from the World Bank.

REDUCTION OF PRICES OF GOODS SOLD BY SUPER BAZAR

*255. SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHIDEEN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a statement made by the Super Bazar Employees Union, New Delhi that the management can reduce the prices of goods by 10 per cent if it follows an honest policy;

(I) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to acquire the Super Bazar Building in order to reduce the loss on account of the heavy rent given for the building?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The statement of the Employees Union is not realistic as it does not take into account the margins available to the Super Bazar and the operational costs.

(c) No, Madam.