

field of agricultural research. That shows that our scientists are making a very valuable contribution, those who are working in our various institutes and at least we have not found any difficulty in having scientists for doing this agricultural research work.

SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA: Sir, we talk of a breakthrough in agriculture; we are very happy to note that a lot has been done. But whatever new seeds have been evolved or new techniques are in force, they cover largely speaking only the irrigated areas, hybrid seeds, whether it is wheat or it is rice; they cover only the irrigated areas which are very small areas compared to the vast areas which are unirrigated in our country. Unless there is a breakthrough in the rainfed areas where there is no irrigation system, there would be no solution to the problem of agriculture in India. So we would like to have the assessment from the hon. Minister as to the nature and type of work done up till now in these rainfed areas and unirrigated areas. How long will it take to achieve the same stage of breakthrough as we have done in the irrigated areas?

SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE: Sir, I appreciate the viewpoint of the hon. Member. Even after harnessing all the water resources in our country quite a large part of land is likely to be rainfed. That is why we are attaching as much importance to the rainfed crops as to those under irrigation conditions. But I may submit, Sir, that this activity of research in regard to the rainfed crops is very complicated; it is a difficult activity and nowhere in the world have they really succeeded in bringing about a complete breakthrough. In our country this research has been taken up. The hon. Members are aware that the Arid Research Institute is doing quite good work in this matter. In our country recently the scientists have come to the conclusion that it is possible to have good results in regard to this research activity. Personally I feel that we are at a stage when it is possible to adopt more strains on a large scale in a number

of areas; I have already mentioned some of the strains in my reply to the main question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question. No. 129. Mr. Khaitan is absent. The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

दिल्ली पोलिटेकनीक के छात्रों के लिए छात्रवृत्तियां

* 126. श्री सूरज प्रसाद : क्या समाज कल्याण मंत्री 13 अगस्त, 1968 को राज्य सभा में तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 363 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या शिक्षा मंत्रालय ने दिल्ली प्रशासन से कहा है कि वह छात्रवृत्ति प्रदान किये जाने के लिये दिल्ली पोलिटेकनीक तथा अन्य कालेजों के छात्रों के अभिभावकों की आय के प्रश्न पर विचार करने के बारे में कोई समिति अथवा अधिकारी नियुक्त करें;

(ख) यदि हां, तो समिति के निष्कर्ष क्या हैं ;

(ग) आय की गलत घोषणा करके कितने मामलों में छात्रवृत्तियां प्राप्त की गई ; और

(घ) ऐसे छात्रों की संख्या कितनी है। जिनको 1967-68 में उनके अभिभावकों की वार्षिक आय 750 रुपये होने के आधार पर छात्रवृत्तियां प्रदान की गई ?

†[SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS OF DELHI POLYTECHNICS

*126 **SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:** Will the Minister of **SOCIAL WELFARE** be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 363 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th August, 1968 and state:

(a) whether the Ministry of **EDUCATION** has asked the Delhi Administration to appoint a committee or officer to go into the question of the income of the guardians of the students

†[] English translation.

of the Delhi Polytechnics or other colleges for the purpose of grant of scholarships;

(b) if so, what are the findings of the committee;

(c) the number of cases in which scholarships were obtained by a wrong declaration of income; and

(d) what is the number of students who have been granted scholarships during the year 1967-68 on the basis of their guardians' income being Rs. 750 per annum?]

समाज कल्याण विभाग और पेट्रोल तथा रसायन मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री जे० बी० मुतयाल राव) : (क) नहीं, श्रीमान ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) कोई नहीं ।

(घ) ताजा 3 पोलिटेकनीक
नवीकरण 10 पोलिटेकनीक

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI J. B. MUTHYAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) None.

(d) Fresh—3 Polytechnic
Renewal—10 Polytechnic.]

Per Capita INCOME OF AGRICULTURISTS

*129. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the *per capita* income of agriculturists in Bihar is amongst the lowest in the country;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to improve their lot and bring it at par with the rest of the country;

(c) the Central assistance which is being extended to the State for development of agriculture; and

†[] English translation.

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(d) the *per capita* income of agriculturists in India likely to be achieved by the end of 1968-69 and at the end of the Fourth Five-Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) to (d) A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix LXVI, Annexure No. 19.]

RULES FOR RECOGNITION OF POLITICAL PARTIES

*130. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA:

SHRI A. D. MANI :

Will the Minister of LAW be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Election Commission propose to frame fresh rules for the recognition of political parties;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for framing the fresh rules; and

(d) whether the views of the all-India political parties will be taken into consideration by the Commission in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW (SHRI P. GOVINDA MENON): (a) Regarding the criteria for recognition of political parties, the Election Commission had only recently issued an Order on the 31st August, 1968, modifying the then existing rules on the subject. The Government is not aware as to whether the Election Commission again proposes to frame fresh rules on the subject.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

SUGAR DECONTROL

*131. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA:

SHRI B. K. GAIKWAD :

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

(a) whether Government propose to decontrol sugar completely;