

EXEMPTION OF PROVIDENT FUND SCHEME IN
LAKSHMI RATTAN COTTON MILLS

1034. SHRI ARJUN ARORA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the exemption from the Employees Provident Fund Scheme allowed to the Lakshmi Rattan Cotton Mills Co. Ltd., Kanpur, has been cancelled :

(b) if so, whether the liability of the management under section 7-A has been determined ; and

(e) the action taken to realise the amount ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI JAISUKH-LAL HATHI) : (a) and (b) Yes.

(c) Recovery proceedings were started, but the State Government has since allowed the management to clear the amount due in monthly instalments and has withdrawn the recovery proceedings.

AMOUNT OF PROVIDENT FUND WITH
LAKSHMI RATTAN COTTON MILLS,
KANPUR

1035. SHRI ARJUN ARORA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount of workmen's contribution to the Provident Fund Scheme has not been deposited by the Lakshmi Rattan Mills Co. Ltd., Kanpur;

(b) if so, the total amount thereof ; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to realise the same ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI JAISUKH-LAL HATHI) : (a) and (b) Yes ; Rs. 10.71 lakhs up to September, 1966 when the establishment stopped working. Approximately half of this amount represents workers' contribution.

(c) Recovery proceedings were started, but the State Government has since allowed the management to clear the amount due in monthly instalments and

has withdrawn the recovery proceedings-

SURVEY OF RABI HARVEST

1036. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question No. 321 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th August, 1967 and state:

(a) whether the firm estimates based on actual areas enumeration and crop-cutting surveys in regard to the Rabi harvest have been received from the State Governments ; and

(b) if so, the crop-wise and State-wise position of the Rabi harvest ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) and (b) Yes, Madam. A statement giving the Final Estimates of area and production of principal rabi crops, namely, wheat, barley and gram, for the year 1966-67 is enclosed. [See Appendix LXII Annexure No. 72.]

SUGARCANE CULTIVATION

1037. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total estimated area under sugarcane cultivation and the yield per acre State-wise ;

(b) whether any efforts are being made to increase the yield by some scientific method to cope up with the demand of sugar ; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) State-wise estimates of area and yield per hectare during 1966-67 are given in the Statement attached.

(b) and (c) Yes, Madam. To increase per unit yield of sugarcane,