

†[CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SUPER BAZAR

442. SHRI D. THENGARI:
SHRI V. M. CHORDIA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a new Super Bazar is going to be opened at Patel Nagar in New Delhi for which a special building is under construction; and

(b) the expenditure incurred on the construction of the building of the said Bazar?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास और सहकारिता मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री: (श्री: अण्ण साहेब शिन्दे): (क) जी हाँ।

(ख) सरकार ने भवन निर्माण के लिये 5 लाख रुपये का ऋण दिया है। भवन निर्माण कार्य पर, जो कि पूरा होने वाला है, लगभग 7.80 लाख रुपये खर्च होने का अनुमान है।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has given a loan of Rs. 5.00 lakhs for the construction of the building. The estimated expenditure on the construction of the building, which is nearing completion, is about Rs. 7.80 lakhs.]

CULTIVATION OF 'SHARBATI SONEA 64' WHEAT

443. SHRI B. K. DEO: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the expenditure for cultivating one acre of 'Sharbati Sonera 64' wheat and what is the yield per acre;

(b) in what period of time this wheat is ready for harvesting; and

(c) the quantity of this seed given to the different States?

†[] English translation.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) The cultivation expenses would range from Rs. 600 to 800 per acre depending on the nature of the farm, power used and the nature of the ownership. The yield per acre varies between 60 to 70 maunds under good farming conditions depending on when and where sown.

(b) The time taken from sowing to harvest varies between 90 (South India) to 120 days (Punjab).

(c) This variety has just been released and about 10 tonnes of nucleus seed are being distributed to various experimental stations and seed farms.

ARTIFICIAL RAIN IN THE COUNTRY

444. SHRI V. V. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi to arrange for artificial rain in the drought affected areas in the country; and

(b) if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

HIGH POWER COMMITTEE ON FOOD

445. SHRI V. V. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to appoint a high power committee to study the food situation in the country; and

(b) if so, when it will be appointed?