

CROP ESTIMATE FOR 1966-67

191. SHRI M. C. SHAH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the official crop estimate for the year 1966-67?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): The final official estimate of foodgrains production will be known only after the end of the current agricultural year when the estimates for different crops are received from the State Governments. According to tentative indications, total production of foodgrains in the country during 1966-67 may be as low as 76.0 million tonnes.

COMPENSATION TO DTU ON DAMAGED BUSES

192. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi municipal Corporation has approached the Central Government for the compensation for DTU buses which were damaged in the anti-cow slaughter demonstration held on 7th November, 1966; and

(b) if so, what is the total amount asked for as compensation, and what is the reaction of the Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (PROF. V. K. R. V. RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 1,06,240. The matter is under consideration.

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

क्या सरकार ने इंटर अमेरिकन पोटेटो प्रोजेक्ट मैक्सिको के डायरेक्टर के परामर्श से एक इंटर नेशनल जर्म प्लाज्मा बैंक स्थापित करने के सम्बन्ध में कोई निर्णय किया है ?

†[INTERNATIONAL GERM PLASMA BANK

193. SHRI RAM SAHAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether Government have taken any decision regarding the setting up of an International Germ Plasma Bank in consultation with the Director, Inter-American Potato Project, Mexico?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास और सहकारिता मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अण्णासाहेब शिंदे) : निश्चय किया गया था कि अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय जर्म प्लाज्मा बैंक की स्थापना करने के विषय में डा० जान एम० नीदर हाउसर निदेशक इंटर-अमेरिका पोटेटो इम्प्रूवमेंट प्रोजेक्ट मैक्सिको (जिन्होंने 1966 में भारत आना था) के परामर्श से विवरण तैयार किया जाये। अभी तक डा० नीदर हाउसर भारत नहीं आ सके जिसके कारण प्रस्ताव पर अन्तिम निर्णय न किया जा सका।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): It had been decided that details regarding the setting up of an International Germ Plasma Bank will be worked out in consultation with Dr. John S. Niederhauser, Director, Inter-American Potato Improvement Project Mexico, who was expected to visit India during 1966. Since the expected visit of Dr. Niederhauser has not materialised so far, it has not