

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) In pursuance of the Supplementary Agreement to the Indo-Swedish Financial Development Cooperative Agreement an Indo-Swedish Study Team was appointed to recommend an efficient grain-storage system for India with particular reference to major ports. A firm of Swedish Consultants was also subsequently appointed to prepare project reports and engineering designs for the proposed projects. Negotiations for financial aid to cover the foreign exchange requirements for setting up the silos will be taken up if and when these projects are approved by the Government.

(b) The Indo-Swedish Team recommended construction of silos and installation of bulk-handling equipment at Kandla, Madras, Haldia and Bombay. The cost of the 4 projects, according to preliminary estimates, is likely to be Rs. 8.80 crores. The report of the Study Team is under consideration of the Government.

CLOSURE OF SUGAR MILLS IN WEST U.P.

***23. SHRI N. R. M. SWAMY:** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sugar mills in West Uttar Pradesh were closed down in the third week of December, 1966 due to short supplies of sugarcane;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to feed the mills with sugarcane; and

(c) whether it is a fact that gur manufacturers offered attractive prices to cane-growers?

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

(b) The sugar factories were permitted to pay a cane price of Rs. 6.68 per quintal as against the officially announced price of Rs. 8.68 per quintal.

(c) Yes, Sir.

व्यावहारिक पोष्टिक आहार विषयक अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय गोष्ठी

***24. श्री राज नारायण :** क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान खाद्य तथा कृषि संगठन एवं विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन के तत्वावधान में आयोजित व्यावहारिक पोष्टिक आहार विषयक अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय विचार गोष्ठी द्वारा की गई सिफारिशों की ओर दिलाया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इन सिफारिशों को कार्यान्वित करने के लिए भारत सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ।

†[INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON APPLIED NUTRITION]

***24. SHRI RAJ NARAIN:** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recommendations made by the international seminar on applied nutrition organised under the auspices of the Food and Agriculture Organisation and the World Health Organisation; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by the Government of India to implement those recommendations?]

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास और सहकारिता मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अण्णासाहेब शिंदे) : (क) विचार गोष्ठी की सिफारिशें अभी खाद्य तथा कृषि

†[] English translation.