list receive from the Municipal Councillor of the area, were attached to the retail dealers of sugar on 26th November, 1964, A supplementary list of residents of the same locality was received from him on 11th DecemDer, 1964 and they were also attached to retail dealers on 14th December, 1964. It is likely that persons not included in the first list could not obtain supplies of sugar during the intervening period.

(d) Yes, sir. The residents of Shah-zada Bagh have also been attached to a consumers' co-operative store of the area.

MERGER OF EMPLOYEES' STATE INSU-RANCE SCHEME AND EMPLOYEES' PROVIDENT FUND SCHEME

•719. SHRI RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL SECURITY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal under Government's consideration to merge the Employees' State Insurance Scheme and the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme; and
- (b) if so, whether any decision has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER FOR LAW AND SOCIAL SECURITY (SHRI A. K. SEN): (a) and (b) A proposal for such merger has been considered at bipartite conferences. As recommended by the Standing Labour Committee at its meeting held in October, 1962, further consideration of the question was postponed for 3 years. The Tripartite Committee since set up to review the working of the Employees' State Insurance Scheme is, however, expected to deal with this matter. The matter will be considered further after the Committee's report is received.

दालों तथा बीन्स का उत्पादन

*७२०. श्री भगवत नारायण भागंव : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्र यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या सरकार की कोई ऐसी योजना है जिसके अन्तर्गत संयक्त राज्य ग्रमरीका के कुछ वैज्ञानिक भारत में ग्राकर दालों तथा बीन्स के उत्पादन को बढाने के सम्बन्ध में सलाह तथा सहयोग देंगे, यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

f [PRODUCTION OF PULSES AND BEANS

*720. SHRI B. N. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether Government have any scheme under which some scientists from the United States of America will give advice and assistance in regard to increasing the production of pulses and beans in India; if so, what are the details thereof?]

t[THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (HRI C. SUBRAMA-NIAM): A

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री सी० सुब्रह्मण्यम): ग्रमरीकी सहायता के सहयोग से दालों के अनुसंधान की एक योजना भारत सरकार के विचाराधीन है। इस योजना के ग्रन्तर्गत भारतीय तथा विदेशी वैज्ञानिक मिलकर ग्रधिक उपज देने बाली तथा ग्रधिक प्रोटीन वाली दालों की किस्मों पर ग्रनसंधान शरु क गे। करार के विषय में विवरण तैयार किया जा रहा है।

Scheme for research on pulses in collaboration with U.S.A.I.D. is under consideration of the Government of India. Under the scheme research to evolve highyielding and high protein pulse varieties will be

t[] English translation.