

GROWING OF CEREALS AND VEGETABLES
IN COLONIES AND BUNGALOWS

152. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA:
Will the Minister of FOOD AND
AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cereals and vegetables are proposed to be grown on the land along main roads and in colonies in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and how much land would come under plough; and

(c) whether it is also proposed to grow cereals and vegetables in the lawns covering acres of lands lying in the big bungalows?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRI-
CULTURE (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ
KHAN): (a) A programme for the
promotion of kitchen gardens in Delhi
colonies has since been taken up.

There is no proposal at present to grow cereals and vegetables in the land along main roads in Delhi.

(b) The Delhi Administration has taken the following steps for the promotion of vegetable and cereal cultivation in the capital:

(1) To make supplies of various production requisites, viz., seeds, seedlings, fertilizers and insecticides, four sale depots have been established at Khyber Pass, Annapurana (Janpath), Krishi Bhavan and Lajpat Bhavan respectively. At these depots the production requisites are being sold in small handy packets on "no profit no loss" basis.

(2) A team of 20 males has been allotted to various localities of Delhi and New Delhi to provide elementary technical know-how and also maintain the supplies of seeds, seedlings and fertilizers etc.

(3) 20 model kitchen gardens are being established in various

public places of Delhi with the objective of educating the people in the techniques of vegetable cultivation.

(4) To further push up the programme, a campaign was organised in the last week of October, 1965 during which 44 teams consisting of 220 officials and a large number of voluntary workers visited different localities to make supplies of production requisites available at the doors of the kitchen garden enthusiasts.

(5) 10 training camps-cum-demonstrations have been organised by the subject-Matter Specialists of Delhi Administration in different corners of Delhi.

(6) It is expected that 2,000 acres of land will come under the plough.

(c) Yes, in the lawns attached to the bungalows of Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Members of the Planning Commission, Secretaries, Joint Secretaries, etc.

AMBAR CHARKHAS

153. { SHRIMATI TARA RAM-
CHANDRA SATHE:
SHRIMATI LALITHA
(RAJAGOPALAN):

Will the Minister of SOCIAL SECURITY be pleased to state:

(a) how many Ambar Charkhas have been distributed by this time all over the country and how many of them are in working condition;

(b) whether it is a fact that one Shri Shridar Sathe of Poona has introduced some renovations to the char-khas; and if so, the nature of the renovations and whether they have been proved to be profitable; and

(c) whether the said Shri Shridar Sathe has been awarded any prize by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission for his work on renovation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY, OF LAW (SHRI JAGANATH RAO): (a) 3,99,374 and 2,10,000 respectively up to 31st March, 1965.

(b) Yes, Sir, Details of the renovations are given in the attached statement. (See Statement below. The renovations are yet to be tested in the field.

(c) Yes, Sir.—Rs. 5,00,000.

STATEMENT

Copy of Renovations suggested by Shri Sathe

1. Main wheel.—As it is in the existing model. But instead of V shape a rectangular shape groove is made. Attachment of Balance weight is made which helps ease in operating.

2. Front Roller wheel.—As it is in the existing model. Instead of V shape a rectangular shape groove is made. By wrapping tape or rubber lining the diameter can be increased or decreased. This controlling the delivery of the charkha.

3. Sanchalan wheel.—This has been removed and rubber is mounted on the axle.

4. Back roller wheel.—Has been removed.

5. Tension spring.—Tension spring have been placed at the centre.

6. Gear fitting.—Gears are fitted on the iron strip with the help of pins of 12, 32, 12 and 24 teeth which enables to reduce or increase the draft. This is advantageous to a great extent.

7. Yarn guide.—Oval holes have been made to enable to adjust the centre of yarn guide in proper position.

8. Roving guide.—It is made adjustable for a to and fro movement in order to avoid wearing out of rubber rollers at one place.

9. Roving bobbin stand.—A metal piece is provided at the bottom in order to facilitate rotation of the bobbin.

10. String driving main wheel.—An idler has been provided on the string driving the main wheel to keep the string under tension if it gets loose.

11. Strings.—Strings have been replaced by tapes which give better grip in comparison to strings. It can be either sitched or the knots are not so prominent or obstructive.

12. Anti-friction wall.—An anti-friction wall has been introduced which eliminates the use supporting arm.

13. Iron knurling rod.—No change.

14. Speed wheel.—Rectangular groove has been made with rubber lining.

15. Tension strip.—One tension strip is filled instead of two.

16. Spindle stand.—A tin bush has been provided instead of old bush.

17. Supporting bracket.—A cloth washer is given on which the spindle rests.

18. Spindle.—Metal pulleys have been replaced by rubber pulleys. This reduces the wear and tear of the strings and friction. Pulley of any suitable size can be fitted on the spindle. The surface of the pulley is plain instead of V shape.

19. Additional check nuts have been provided on all principal wheels such as main wheel with big and small teeth wheel.

20. Oiling.—Use of light viscous grease has been made. This avoids the constant necessity of oiling and helps a smooth working.

21. Sound of the charkha.—The working of the charkha is noiseless.

22. The construction of the changes made by Shri Sathe is not complicated.

23. Lining of rubber tyre is used on driver as well as driven wheels.

24. A square metal piece is soldered to the ring rail and is fitted to the framing. This helps to keep the ring rail perpendicular.

25. The roving guide is fitted in a notch instead of fixing it by screws.

RATIONING IN DELHI

154. SHRI D. THENGARI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Directorate of Civil Supplies, Delhi Administration, has decided that the rural areas of Delhi will not be covered by the statutory rationing to be introduced in the Union Territory of Delhi?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): No, Sir. Apart from the urban areas of the Union Territory of Delhi, statutory rationing is proposed to be introduced in a large number of villages of Delhi e.g. Usmanpur, Mauzpur, Jhilmil, Tahirpur, Kithwada, Babarpur, Garhi Mandu, Hasanpur, Gazipur, Charoli, Kondli, Dalu Pura, Chilla, Kotla, Khichri Pur, Parpar Ganj, Gharonda, Shamepur, Shanker Pur Khas, Nimbri, Asslatpur, Posangi Pur, Nangli Jalab, Tatarpur, Nangli Rain, Dahri, Bindapur, Mirzapur, Nasirpur, Shakurpur, Rampura, Shahpur Jat, Chirag Delhi, Madangir, Khanpur, Tigri, Tughlakabad, Badarpur, Tehkand, Kotla Mahigiran, Sheikh Sarai, Khirki, Said-ul-Azaib, Lado Sarai, Masoodpur, Ber Sarai, Katwaria Sarai, Jia Saria, Adchini, Begampur, Kalv Sarai, Hamayunpur, Basant Nagar, Mochi Bagh, Mahpalpur, Kasoompur, Mehram Nagar, Mangla Puri etc. In the rest of the rural areas distribution through fair price shops will continue.

IMPORT OF RICE

155. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to import rice;

(b) if so, what are the names of the countries from which rice is to be imported; and

(c) what are the reasons for the import of rice?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN):

(a) and (b) At present rice is being imported from Burma, Thailand and U.A.R. The question of rice imports in 1966 is under consideration.

(c) To augment the supply of rice in the country.

INLAND RIVER PORT AT JOGIGOPA IN ASSAM

156. SHRI S. C. DEB: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned the construction of a major inland river port at Jogigopa on the bank of Brahmaputra in Assam; and

(b) if so, what would be size and the nature of the port and by when the construction work is expected to start?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) Yes.

(b) The port is being designed to cater for the traffic which will be generated at Jogigopa on account of the broad gauge line having been extended up to that point.

FAMINE CONDITIONS IN RAJASTHAN AND MADHYA PRADESH

157. SHRI JAGANNATH PRASAD. Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the famine conditions in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh; and