

ment, (iii) strengthening of the machinery for extension and community mobilisation for agriculture, (iv) assuring adequate supplies and resources, and (v) intensifying agricultural programmes to the maximum extent possible in areas with irrigation and assured rainfall, where there are fair prospects of achieving rapid increase in production.

Southern Food Zone

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 Shri Mohammed Koya:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
 Shri P. C. Borooah:
 Shri Subodh Hansda:
 Dr. P. N. Khan:
 Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
 Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
 Shri Heda:
 Shri Basappa:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Food Advisory Council had suggested for the restoration of the old Southern Zone system in respect of movement of foodgrains; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not accepting the suggestion?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) A view was expressed in the Kerala Food Advisory Council that the old Southern Rice Zone as it existed prior to October, 1964 should be restored.

(b) Government consider that conditions are not favourable for the restoration of the old Southern Zone System. The general question of continuance or otherwise of the existing Zonal and other restrictions on the movement of foodgrains was discussed in the Chief Ministers' Conference held on the 22nd July and 6th August 1965 and it was decided that the existing restrictions should continue for the present.

चुनाव चिन्ह

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 श्री हुकम चन्द कच्छबाय :
 श्री बड़े :
 श्री बुजराज सिंह :

क्या बिचि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या चुनाव प्रायोग के सम्मुख ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव है जिसके अन्तर्गत राज-नीतिक दलों को उन राज्यों में भी चुनाव चिह्न रखने की अनुमति दे दी जायेगी जहां उन्हें मान्यता प्राप्त नहीं है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में अंतिम निर्णय कब तक होने की संभावना है ?

बिचि मंत्री (श्री छ० कृ० लेल) :
 (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Dredging the Bhagirathi

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 Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya:
 Shri Kapur Singh:
 Shri Gulshan:
 Shri Solanki:
 Shri P. K. Deo:
 Shri Narasimha Reddy:

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Calcutta Port authorities have approached the Central Government for sharing the costs of dredging the Bhagirathi in order to maintain its navigability; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter?

The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) The Port Commissioners have been advised to examine the subject further in the light of the consideration that ordinarily every Port Trust is financially autonomous and expected to be self-sufficient, covering increases in Port expenditure by adjustment of port charges.