

sidering a proposal to change the venue of the Asian Games, 1982;

(b) the present position of the preparations for the conduct of Asian Games in 1982;

(c) the estimated expenditure for the same; and

(d) whether the expenditure would be borne by the Central Government or jointly with any other State Government?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) There is no proposal to change the venue of the Asian Games, 1982, which will be staged in and around New Delhi except yachting which is to be held in Bombay.

(b) The dates for the Games and the Sports to be included have been decided, the venue, for the various sports identified and the plans and designs for the stadia to be constructed have been completed in most of the cases. Lists of equipment required for the Games have been prepared and proposals are under consideration for their procurement. Plans for preparation for training of Indian sportsmen and women have also been finalised in many cases.

(c) These are being finalised.

(d) The expenditure would be jointly borne by the Government of India and State Government/Union Territory involved in the organisation of the Games.

I C. A. R. Project in Tripura

37. **SHRI AJOY BISWAS:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has opened any project in Tripura and started any work so far; and

(b) if so, the name of the projects taken up by the I.C.A.R. there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Work on germ-plasm collection and evaluation, adaptability of strains of arable and horticultural crops, agronomic and plant protection aspects has been started. Survey of plant and animal diseases has also been initiated.

(b) (i) Regional Centre of ICAR Research Complex for North Eastern Hills Region, at Lembucherra near Agartala.

(ii) All India Coordinated Agronomic Research Project (Experiment on Cultivators' Field District) Tripura, and

(iii) Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Khowai.

Short Supply of Wheat to Flour Mills in West Bengal

38. **SHRI SUDHIR GIRI:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the production in the West Bengal State flour mills has been affected by short supply of wheat resulting in non-availability of flour in the market;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps which Government have taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b) The stock position of wheat in West Bengal as on 15-5-1980 was 120.3 thousand tonnes which is considered comfortable. As against an allotment of 55,000 tonnes per month, the flour mills have actually lifted in March and April, 1980 about 34,000 and 39,000 tonnes respectively. The production of wheat products in the State has been maintained on an average of 33,000 tonnes. Besides, there is no restriction on the movement of wheat products from one State to another.

(c) Taking into account the needs of the State during June, 1980, a movement plan has been drawn up for despatch of 80 thousand tonnes of wheat to West Bengal.