

(b) Yes, Sir. In view of the limited availability of fair price sugar, the Delhi Administration considered it essential to watch the supply and off-take position for some time before deciding whether any extra sugar could be given to Ration Card-holders for festivals.

(c) There is no such proposal before the Government at present.

#### **Progress of Rural Housing Scheme in States**

1704. DR SARADISHI ROY : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in the rural housing scheme proposed by the Centre to the State Governments ; and

(b) response of individual States to the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI K GUJRAL) : (a) and (b) A new Scheme for provision of House-sites to Landless Workers in Rural Areas was introduced in the Central sector in October, 1971. Some projects under the Scheme have been received from the Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Mysore, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh for approval and they are being scrutinised.

#### **Survey of Gujarat Coast by U.N.D.P. Harbour Pre-investment Survey Project**

1705. SHRI VEKARIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the U.N.D.P. Fishing Harbour Pre-investment Survey Project have conducted survey of any sites in Gujarat ; and

(b) if so, which are those sites ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) : (a) and (b). Preliminary surveys have been conducted by the U.N.D.P. Project for Pre-investment Survey of Fishing Harbours at Umbergaon, Umarsadi and Kolak.

#### **Asian Wrestling Championship**

1706. SHRI VEKARIA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to hold Asian Wrestling Championship in India this year, which was earlier fixed for December, 1971 but could not be held due to Indo-Pak war ; and

(b) if so, when and where it is proposed to be held ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI K S RAMASWAMY) :

(a) No proposal for holding the Asian Championship this year has been received.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **World Bank Aid for International Crops Research Institute for Semi-arid Tropics**

1707. SHRI P. M. MEHTA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank has approved a grant of Rs. 7.23 lakhs for an International Crops Research Institute for the semi-arid tropics in India ;

(b) if so, the major object of the Institute ; and

(c) how far this Institute will help the development of farming system to benefit farmers in the non-irrigated areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) : (a) Yes ; it is a fact that the World Bank (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) has pledged one lakh dollars (Rs. 7.279 lakhs) for the present Establishment of International Crops Research Institute for semi-arid tropics in India.

(b) The Institute will serve as (a) a world centre for the improvement of Jowar, Millets, Bengal Gram (Chana) and Red Gram (Arha)