

(ग) यदि हां, तो अकाल की स्थिति को दूर करने लिए फसलों को समय पर पानी मिलने को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

कृषि मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (प्रो०शेर सिंह) :  
(क) और (ख). विहार सरकार ने सारे राज्य में सूखा पड़ने तथा 26.00 करोड़ रुपया के मूल्य की भीष्मकालीन फसलों को नष्ट हो जाने की सूचना दी है।

(ग) सिंचाई के लिए पानी की आपूर्ति राज्य सरकार की जिम्मेदारी है और सम्भवतः वह इस सम्बन्ध में आवश्यक कदम उठा रही है।

#### World Varsity Campus

1122. SHRI C. T. DHANDAPANI :  
SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU :

Will the MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has agreed to the establishment of World Varsity Campus ;

(b) if so, the reaction of the United Nations; and

(c) the salient features of the proposed University ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN) : (a) and (b). The question of establishment of an International University is still under the consideration of the United Nations and no decision has yet been taken. The Government of India have informed the Secretary General of the United Nations of their agreement in principle in case it is decided to constitute such a University, to make an appropriate contribution to its establishment and its activities.

(c) No decision has been reached by the United Nations on this question.

#### Crisis in Shipping Corporation of India

1123. SHRI C. T. DHANDAPANI :  
SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO :

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Shipping Corporation of

India which earned profit in every year of its operation are facing crisis both in liner shipping and in the area of tramp operation; and

(b) if so, the main factors responsible for the crisis ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) and (b). Shipping Corporation of India like all shipping companies in India are affected by certain adverse factors. There has been a general fall in the movement of better paying cargoes like jute from India on account of competition, and cotton and other items from U. S. A. to India due to stoppage of fresh AID commitments and curtailment of PL 480 programme. International tramp market started falling in early 1971 due mainly to the cut-back in steel production, especially in Japan, following the economic recession in U. S. A. The entry of a large volume of shipping tonnage ordered in recent years, into the freight market also had its impact. The declining trend continued and now there is a severe slump in the tramp market.

#### Implementation of Scheme on Oil Palm in Kerala

1124. SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THAN-KAPPAN :  
SHRI N. SREEKANTAN NAIR :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE pleased to state :

(a) whether the scheme of Oil Palm to be implemented in an area of 5,000 acres submitted by the Government of Kerala, has been approved ; and

(b) if not, considering the various advantages the scheme whether the Central Government purpose to include the scheme under the Central Sector Project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) : (a) The Scheme on the development of oil palm cultivation over an area of 5,000 acres in Kerala is already being implemented by the Kerala Plantation Corporation Ltd., which is a State Government Undertaking.

(b) The question of providing Central assistance to the oil palm project is under consideration of the Government of India.