

January, 1965 with a view to delineating areas with ground water potentiality for development by tubewell irrigation.

(b) Yes. A senior officer of the Exploratory Tubewell Organisation was also deputed to the International Conference on Artificial Recharge and Aquifer Management held at Haifa (Israel) in March, 1967.

(c) Yes. Active contact is being maintained with countries which are advanced in groundwater development, through correspondence, visits and participation in international seminars/conferences.

(d) Yes. The Exploratory Tubewell Organisation will continue to carry out groundwater exploration in different parts of the country during the Fourth Plan. Besides, a Centrally sponsored Scheme for Groundwater Surveys and Investigations has also been approved for implementation by the State Governments during the Fourth Plan. This Scheme will be complementary to the activities of the Exploratory Tubewell Organisation and would be confined to drilling up to a depth of 250 feet only.

Surplus Stock of Bajra in Mysore State

824. Shri Virendrakumar Shah: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Bajra grown in the State of Mysore per annum since 1961;

(b) whether a surplus stock of Bajra is lying with the Mysore State; and

(c) whether the Central Government propose to supply the surplus Bajra from Mysore to Gujarat, where there is a heavy demand?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Anandji Shinde): (a) The produc-

tion of bajra in Mysore State since 1960-61 has been as under:—

(The figures are in thousand tonnes)

1960-61	120
1961-62	100
1962-63	120
1963-64	154
1964-65	113
1965-66	85

(b) and (c) Some surplus has been declared by the State Government and has been allotted to deficit States including Gujarat. No report of further surplus lying with the Mysore State has so far been received. If any further surplus is offered by Mysore Government, the question of supplying a part or whole of it to Gujarat will be considered.

गन्ने की खेती

825. श्री रबी राय :

श्री राम लेखक याचक :

श्री वधु लिवडे :

श्री मोहन प्रसाद :

श्री महाराज सिंह भारती :

श्री जार्ज करनगौड :

क्या लाख तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को पता है कि इस वर्ष पानी न मिलने के कारण गन्ने की खेती नहीं की जा सकती है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उनके मंत्रालय ने सिचाई और विद्युत् मंत्रालय को कोई विशय उपाय प्रपनाने को कहा है ?

लाख, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रजासाहिब शिंदे) : (क) चालू वर्ष में मौसम की स्थिति अनुकूल नहीं रही है और पता चला है कि प्रमुख रूप से गन्ना पैदा करने वाले क्षेत्रों विशेषतया बिहार और उत्तर प्रदेश में पर्याप्त वर्षा होने के कारण बुवाई पर कुप्रभाव पड़ा है ।