

received from abroad so far both through Governmental and non-official agencies for the scarcity areas during 1967-68 ;

(b) the form in which this help has been received ; and

(c) the total quantity supplied to West Bengal out of this ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). A statement showing the assistance received by the Government of India from abroad during the year 1967-68 for relief of scarcity in the country is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-842/68.]

(c) The gifts included large quantities of foodgrains which were merged in the Central pool. The drought affected States were allotted foodgrains for free distribution to the extent required.

The following commodities received as gift were allotted to the Government of West Bengal for free distribution during the year 1967-68 :—

Commodities	Quantity allotted
1. Milk power	1,157.735 tonnes+99 cartons
2. Wheat	5,000,000 tonnes
3. Barley	3,000,000 tonnes
4. Maize	8,094,000 tonnes
5. Dehydrated potatoes	9,470 lbs.

#### Growing Onion along with Sugarcane

7006. SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA :  
SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO :  
SHRI D. N. DEB :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a farmer of Gurgaon has disclosed to scientists at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute recently that if onion is grown along with sugarcane in the same field there is no threat to either crop from insects and pests ;

(b) if so, whether the scientists have looked into this new experiment ; and

(c) if so, what is their reaction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes, one of the visitors to the Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela held at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute from 20th to 23rd March, 1968 made the claim indicated in the Question.

(b) This type of inter-cropping has not been examined with specific reference to its effect on pests and diseases.

(c) The suggestion of the farmer is being examined by the scientists of Indian Agricultural Research Institute.

#### Cattle Breed Scheme

7007. SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA :  
SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO :  
SHRI D. N. DEB :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that attempts are being made to improve cattle breed in the country under a Rupees two-crore project ; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) A project at a cost of Rs. 1.87 crores spread over a period of five years has been undertaken at the Central Livestock Research-cum-Breeding Station, Haringhata, District Nadia, West Bengal.

(b) The project has just commenced (27.12.67).

#### Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun

7008. SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA :  
SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO :  
SHRI D. N. DEB :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of U.S.A. have sanctioned Rs. 3.25 lakhs for the Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun, for the improvement of forests ; and

(b) If so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes.

(b) The U.S. Government has agreed to finance a scheme amounting to Rs. 325,952 from out of P.L. 480 funds for research on "Investigations on Mycorrhiza Indian Forest Trees", at Forest Research Institute & College, Dehra Dun for a period of 5 years.

#### Cattle from Australia

7009. SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA :  
SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO :  
SHRI D. N. DEB :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that about 600 cattle are likely to be received from Australia under the Colombo Plan ; and

(b) if so, when they are likely to be received ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) The first consignment of 150 exotic cattle was received at Madras on 27.2.1968.

(ii) The second consignment of 150 exotic cattle is expected to reach India sometime in October/November 1968.

(iii) The remaining 300 exotic cattle are expected during the year 1969-70.

#### खुले बाजार में खाद्यान्नों की बरीद

7010. श्री रामचन्द्र बीरप्पा : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय सरकार का विचार खुले बाजार से खाद्यान्नों की बरीद है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो विभिन्न राज्यों में ऐसे

स्थानों के नाम क्या हैं जहाँ इस काम के लिये केन्द्र खोले जा रहे हैं ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मन्त्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अन्ना साहिब शिन्दे) : (क) सरकार द्वारा विभिन्न लेवी प्राणालियों के अधीन की जा रही अक्षिप्राप्ति के अलावा खुले बाजार में भी खाद्यान्नों की अक्षिप्राप्ति की जाती है।

(ख) विभिन्न राज्य सरकारों द्वारा स्थापित किए गए केन्द्रों के अतिरिक्त भारतीय खाद्य निगम ने विभिन्न राज्यों में केन्द्र खोले हैं। तथापि, इन केन्द्रों के नामों के बारे में सूचना परन्तु उपलब्ध नहीं है और इसे भारतीय खाद्य निगम और राज्य सरकारों से एकत्रित करना पड़ेगा। इस सूचना के एकत्रित हो जाने पर भी यह इतनी अधिक विस्तृत होगी और इसे एकत्रित करने में जो समय तथा मेहनत लगेगी उससे कोई विशेष लाभ होने की कोई सम्भावना नहीं है।

#### All India Soil and Land Use Survey Organisation

7011. KUMARI KAMALA KUMARI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3149 on the 7th March, 1968 and state :

(a) whether along with the proposed bifurcation of the All India Soil and Land Use Survey Organisation, Government are considering to give option to the staff working therein to join the Indian Council of Agricultural Research ; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). As has already been indicated in the Unstarred Question No. 3149 answered on 7th March, 1968, it has been decided in principle that such of the work of the All-India Soil and Land Use Survey Organisation as relates to research in