

be provided after the opening of the Exchange.

At Pilibanga, there are 29 working connections from the 50 line existing exchange. There is a waiting list of 27, but owing to congestion of trunk traffic, it has not been possible to add more connections at Pilibanga without increasing the trunk outlets. A scheme has been sanctioned to increase the number of trunk lines from Pilibanga and also to increase the capacity of the exchange from 50 to 100, so that all the applicants on the waiting list are provided with telephones.

At Sadoul Town (Sadoulshahar), there is an Exchange and there is no waiting list of applicants to be provided with telephone connections.

पी० एल० 480 के अन्तर्गत खाद्यान्न का आयात

2212. श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह प्रस्ताव की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार पी० एल० 480 के अन्तर्गत गेहूँ का आयात करने के लिये अमेरिका के साथ नया करार करने वाली है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उसका परावर्ती क्या है ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री अश्वि साहब शिन्दे) : (क) फिलहाल इस सम्बन्ध में एक प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है।

(ख) नये करार हेतु अमेरिका-सरकार से अभी कोई औपचारिक बात-चीत प्रारम्भ नहीं हुई है। अतः कोई व्यौरा उल्लेख नहीं है।

### Cooperative Sugar Mills

2213. SHRI S. A. AGADI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new Co-operative Sugar Mills are proposed to be started in the various States;

(b) if so, the number of proposals State-wise so far received and pending decisions for the licenses and the capacity of the proposed mills;

(c) whether any applications have been received from the Mysore State for establishing Sugar Mills in the Private Sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the proposed locations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) Applications for the establishment of new cooperative sugar mills from the various States are being considered.

(b) The required information is given below:

Name of State	No. of pending applications for new co-operative sugar mills	Annual sugar production capacity (lakh tonnes)
Madras	4	0.72
Mysore	3	0.65
Andhra Pradesh	3	0.48
Kerala	1	0.15
Uttar Pradesh	6	1.05
Orissa	2	0.27
Gujarat	7	1.32
Maharashtra	14	2.64
Bihar	11	2.64
Haryana	1	0.24
Total	52	10.16

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. Seven applications have been received for the establishment of new sugar factories in the Private Sector (both Co-operative and Joint Stock Sectors) from the Mysore State. The details thereof are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-15556/68].

for essential inputs like seeds, fertilisers and pesticides for agricultural development programmes. The amount of such loans sanctioned to different States is indicated in Statement II.

### मोहिनी शूगर मिल्स (बिहार)

#### Agricultural Development Grant to Punjab

2214. SHRI S. A. AGADI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 71 crores have been given to the Punjab State for agricultural development for this year and if so, the special purposes for which the amount is given;

(b) whether any similar development loans have been given to any other States in this year; and

(c) if so, the details with State-wise amounts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) to (c). No Sir, No development loans have so far been given to any State for agricultural development in the current year. A total plan outlay of Rs. 203.67 crores has been approved for the execution of agricultural programmes in the various States during the current financial year. The State-wise and programme-wise distribution of this outlay is shown in the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1557/68]. In accordance with the existing procedure, Central assistance in the form of loan and grant is sanctioned to the States on the basis of their actual performance for the first three quarters and their anticipated performance for the last.

Short-term loan (Non-Plan) are also sanctioned to State Governments

2215. श्री लखन लाल कपूर : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार के गया जिले में बरिसालिगंज में मोहिनी शूगर मिल्स के प्रबन्धकों ने पिछले दो वर्षों से कारखाना बन्द कर दिया है जिसके परिणामस्वरूप श्रमिक बेकार हो गये हैं तथा गन्ना उत्पादकों को कठिनाई हो गई है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि बरिसालिगंज के निकट 40 लाख एकड़ भूमि में गन्ना उगाया है जिसका कारखाने के बन्द होने का कारण प्रयोग नहीं हो सकेगा; और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो क्या सरकार का विचार प्रबन्धकों को कारखाना चालू करने के लिए बाध्य करने का अथवा उनके इन्कार करने पर कारखाना अपने हाथ में लेने का है ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री अन्नासाहिब शिन्दे) : (क) मोहिनी शूगर मिल्स, बरिसालिगंज, जिला गया ने केवल एक मौसम अर्थात् 1967-68 में काम नहीं किया था।

(ख) बिहार सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि गन्ने के अन्तर्गत जो भूमि है, उसका अभी तक ठीक-ठीक हिसाब नहीं लगाया गया है लेकिन उक्त फेक्ट्री क्षेत्र में यह प्रति 7-8 हजार एकड़ के आस-पास हो सकती है। राज्य सरकार ने फेक्ट्री-क्षेत्र के उत्पादकों द्वारा गत वर्ष जो गन्ना उगाया गया था, उसे गुरारु शूगर फेक्ट्री को भिजवा दिया