

2. चीनी का वितरण वर्ष के दौरान चीनी की सप्लाई की उपलब्धि के आधार पर विनियमित किया जायेगा, जैसा कि इस समय किया जाता है।

#### Fertilizers Promotion Board

633. SHRI V. NARASIMHA RAO:  
SHRI HIMATSINGKA:  
SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA:  
SHRI ESWARA REDDY:  
SHRI RAM GOPAL SHAL-  
WALE:  
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN LAL:  
SHRI SURAJ BHAN:  
SHRI RAGHUVIR SINGH  
SHASTRI:  
SHRI J. K. CHOUDHURY:  
SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA:  
SHRI RANJEET SINGH:  
SHRI ATAL BEHARI  
VAJPAYEE:  
SHRI JAGANNATH RAO  
JOSHI:

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

- (a) whether Government propose to set up a Fertilizer Promotion Board;
- (b) if so, the broad outlines of the same; and
- (c) when the Board is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) A proposal to set up a Directorate of Fertilizer Promotion under the Department of Agriculture, is under consideration of Government.

(b) The Directorate, when set up, is expected to coordinate and intensify fertilizer promotion measures like demonstrations, soil testing, training and publicity for scientific and balanced application of fertilizers.

(c) The Fertilizer Promotion Directorate will start functioning as soon as the proposal is finalised.

#### Export of Seeds by National Seeds Corporation

634. SHRI V. NARASIMHA RAO:  
SHRI RAM AVTAR SHARMA:  
SHRI MAHANT DIGVIJAI  
NATH:

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

- (a) whether the National Seeds Corporation has started to export seeds;
- (b) if so, the names of the countries to which exports were made;
- (c) the total foreign exchange earned as a result thereof; and
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken to step up exports of seeds to foreign markets?

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

(b) Ceylon, Malaysia, Denmark, Ghana and U.S.S.R.

(c) Rs. 33,928.80.

(d) The Corporation has also sent samples of seeds to a number of research institutions and training organizations in a large number of countries. A brochure describing varieties and providing technical information has been circulated to our Embassies abroad and also to various export houses, regional offices of the State Trading Corporation in foreign countries and to seed importers in various countries. Action is in hand to streamline the procedures relating to export of seeds and to make a systematic survey of export markets in consultation with the concerned Ministries.

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635. SHRI HEM RAJ:  
SHRIMATI ILA PALCHOU-  
DHURI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: