

that we shall be able to maintain supplies at the present level up to the next crushing season.

SHRI JAGANNATH RAO: The quota allotted to Orissa for December was not received till the end of March. Similarly, the quota for every month is not being received in time. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether this backlog would be made up.

Secondly, the bags received from the FCI are not full, there is a shortage of 5 to 10 kg. So, may I know what steps he is going to take to ensure that the dealer gets his full quantity?

SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO: The allocation for Orissa up to July, 1980, is 79,000 tonnes, and out of this 67,660 tonnes has reached the State. So, there is only a balance of about 11,000 tonnes. Certainly, Government is making all efforts to see that the backlog reaches the State.

In regard to shortage, if a specific complaint is received, we shall enquire.

National Seeds Project

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SHRI AMARSINH V. RATHAWA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to take up a National Seeds Project in the country;

(b) if so, since when the proposal is under consideration;

(c) the amount earmarked for the Project;

(d) whether any aid has been given for the said project and the main functions of the project; and

(e) the delay in taking it up and the States which are to be covered under the Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b) A National Seeds Programme is already under implementation.

(c) to (e) The amount earmarked is Rs. 55 crores. The World Bank is providing a loan assistance of nearly 41 million US dollars. The Programme covers States of Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Maharashtra Punjab, Bihar, Karnataka, Orissa, Rajasthan and U.P. The objective is to develop arrangements for production of breeder seeds, foundation seeds and certified seeds. For this purpose, the Programme envisages establishment/strengthening of State Seeds Corporations and the National Seeds Corporation. Infrastructure in the form of seed processing facilities and storage are also envisaged.

SHRI DAULATSINHJI JADEJA: It is surprising that a State like Gujarat has been avoided in this programme. What are the reasons for not taking up Gujarat in this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO): Various States have been mentioned and it is with reference to the climatic conditions, the particular pattern of cultivation in certain States and the possibility of the State governments taking up the programme in right earnest, according to the local needs, that the States have been selected. Four States viz., Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab and Haryana, have been selected under Phase-I of the National Seeds Programme. In the second phase, five more States viz. Bihar, Karnataka Orissa, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh are to be taken up. But in Gujarat, which is very advanced in cultivation of oil seeds, particularly groundnut, we have established certain centres for research and development of groundnut.

So, Gujarat State is also being looked after.

SHRI DAULATSINHJI JADEJA: The hon. Minister's statement does not satisfy us because the reasons that he has given may apply to many other States also which have been included. May I know the reason why in Phase-II, where the oil-seeds have also been considered, Gujarat has not been included? Could it be that when Phase-II was being finalised, the State Government at that time did not put up a right case before the Central Government?

SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO: I would not be able to answer that question off-hand. But the fact remains that since this programme was taken up in 1977, the progress has been unsatisfactory, rather slow. We will see to it that this programme is taken up in right earnest now.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: In view of the answer given by the hon. Minister, I would like to ask this question. In the case of Maharashtra, there has been a terrible shortage of seeds, both in cotton as well as in jowar. It is a pity that in Maharashtra even the foundation seeds of CSH-5 was not available, due to which the cultivation of jowar of the new variety has suffered very badly. Will the Minister kindly clarify the position?

SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO: I admit that there has not been enough progress in producing sufficient quantity of jowar seeds in the country. We are far short of the requirements and we are taking steps to see that jowar, bajra and maize and other seeds are also developed and produced in sufficient quantity so that all demands can be met.

श्री नवल किशोर शर्मा : सीड्स के डेवेलपमेंट के प्रोग्राम में मूंगफली के बीज के उत्पादन की भी कोई योजना है? मूंगफली का उत्पादन जब किया जाता है तब उस में एक कीड़ा लगता है? उस कीड़े से जो

इस्यून हो क्या ऐसा बीज तैयार किया जाएगा ताकि मूंगफली का उत्पादन ज्यादा तादाद में हो सके।

SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO: We have various research programmes in this connection. But the question is not directly connected with this question, as you would kindly see. If the hon. member wants to give notice for another question asking particularly as to what progress has been made in the research for finding the disease in groundnut and other crops, I will answer that.

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क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 19 जुलाई, 1980 के 'टाइम्स आफ इण्डिया' में "ब्रेड इन शार्ट सप्लाई" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ; और

(ग) सरकार ने उपभोक्ताओं को बिना कठिनाई डबलरोटी उपलब्ध कराने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये है ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. Soon after the reports about shortage of bread in Delhi were received, Delhi Administration put their enforcement machinery into operation to check that manufacturers are producing the requisite number of loaves and that the retailers are not selling bread in excess of the notified prices. The authorities of the Delhi Administration also met the representatives of the manufacturers, and directions were issued to them to produce