

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter ; and

(c) if not, the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b). The matter is still under consideration.

(c) No time limit can be laid down, However, every effort is being made to take a decision as early as possible.

Floods and Drought in Orissa

*404. SHRI P. K. DEO :

SHRI RABI RAY :

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

(a) whether there is likelihood of shortage in the outturn of Kharif crop in Orissa due to floods and drought this year ;

(b) if so, the estimated loss ;

(c) whether the Orissa Government have asked the Centre's help to meet the situation created by drought in some districts of Western Orissa ; and

(d) if so, the Centre's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). Attention is invited to the statement laid on the Table of the Sabha on 18th November, 1968, on the drought situation in the country.

(c) and (d). Relief operations have been going on in Orissa consequent upon the failure of Kharif crops of 1967-68. A Central Team had visited the State in June, 1968, and suggested a ceiling of Rs. 5.47 crores on relief expenditure upto 31st October, 1968. As a result of persistent distress conditions in some districts, particularly Sambalpur, Bolangir, Kalahandi and Sundergarh districts, the State Government recently asked for Central Government's concurrence to the continuance of relief operations upto 30th November, 1968. This has been given. A sum of Rs. 2.50 crores had been released to the

State Government earlier. They recently asked for the release of a further sum of Rs. 1.60 crores. A sum of Rs. 1.50 crores has been released against this.

राष्ट्रीय बीज निगम द्वारा संकर बाजरे के बीज की सप्लाई

*405. श्री झोंकार लाल बेरवा : क्या साख तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय बीज निगम ने राजस्थान को 37 प्रतिशत उत्पादन क्षमता वाला संकर बाजरे का बीज सप्लाई किया है जबकि यह ७५ प्रतिशत उत्पादन क्षमता वाला होना चाहिए ;

(ख) घटिया किस्म के बीज सप्लाई करने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) इस संराब किस्म के बीज की सप्लाई से किसानों को होने वाली हानि के लिए किन व्यक्तियों को जिम्मेदार ठहराया गया है ।

साख, कृषि, साधुबायिक विकास तथा सहकार मन्त्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अन्ना साहेब शिन्डे) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं होता ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं होता ।

Agricultural Universities for Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh

*406. SHRI HEM RAJ : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 974 on the 25th July, 1961 and state :

(a) the progress made for the establishment of separate agricultural universities for Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) the time by which the work regarding the setting up of these universities will be finalised ?