

Minor Irrigation Schemes

*93. **Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:**
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken to tap all perennial sources of water for minor and small irrigation purposes in the country; and

(b) if so, whether any special funds are to be allotted for the purpose during the Fourth Five Year Plan period?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-111/67].

Price of Sugar

*94. **Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:**
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of sugar has shown some increase in some parts of the country during the last three months;

(b) if so, the latest position of prices—whole-sale and retail—in the country; and

(c) the steps taken to check such rise in prices?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-112/67].

(c) The increase in sugar price is due to increase in factory prices as a result of increase in sugarcane price, expected lower duration and increase

in some items of costs. Efforts are being made to increase the quality and yield per acre of sugarcane.

लगान का समाप्त किया जाना

*95. **श्री प्रदल विहारी वाचपेयी :**
श्री सुपकर :
श्री क० ना० तिवारी :
श्री बिबूति निज :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ राज्यों ने लगान समाप्त करने का निर्णय किया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में राज्यवार व्योरा क्या है तथा सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकारिता मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री प्रताप साहब शिन्डे) : (क) और (ख). एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है। [पुस्तकालय में रखा गया। देखिये संख्या एन टी-113/67]

पिछले ग्राम चुनावों पर व्यय

*96. **श्री श्रींकार लाल बेरवा :** क्या बिबि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले तीनों ग्राम चुनावों की तुलना में 1967 में हुए ग्राम चुनावों पर अधिक व्यय हुआ है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

बिबि मंत्री (श्री गोविन्द मेहन) : (क) और (ख). शीघ्र साधारण निर्वाचनों पर हुए व्यय की बात जानकारी

बची उपलब्ध नहीं हुई है। निर्वाचन आयोग ने आवश्यक सामग्री मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारियों से मंगाई है।

Sugar Mills

*97. Shri Ram Kishan Gupta:
Shrimati Sushila Rohatgi:
Shri K. N. Pandey:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 80 per cent of the sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh have stopped crushing and the rest are expected to do so shortly;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and its effect on sugar production; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to check this stoppage?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a). Yes, Sir.

(b) The early closure of sugar mills is due to fall in production of sugarcane and diversion of sugarcane to production of gur and khandsari on account of high prices of these commodities. This is likely to result in a fall of about 6.4 lakh tonnes in sugar production in U.P. compared to last year.

(c) The Government of India gave a general increase of 32 paise per quintal of sugarcane and even permitted factories in West U.P. (excepting those in Sitapur, Lakhimpur Khari and Hardoi Districts) to pay Rs. 6.68 per quintal instead of the basic minimum price of Rs. 6.68 per quintal but this did not prove to be enough to prevent diversion of sugarcane from factories to gur and khandsari manufacture.

Rationing in Urban Areas

*98. Shri C. Jannardhanan:
Shri P. C. Adichan:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the decision to introduce rationing in all urban centres with a population of one lakh and more has not yet been implemented in full;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken to implement the decision in full?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Extension of rationing to the urban centres concerned involves maintenance of adequate stocks not only for current consumption but also for reserves. Therefore, such extension can be effected only when adequate stocks have been built up. So far it has not been possible to do so.

(c) Attempts are being made to build up stocks through more intensive local procurement and larger imports as soon as practicable.

Subsidy in Foodgrains

*99. Shri P. C. Adichan:
Shrimati Susela Gopalan:
Shri C. K. Chakrapani:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre has decided to withdraw the subsidy given to Kerala for distribution of rice through fair price shops;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the State Government has made any representation to the Centre in this respect;

(d) if so, the nature of representation made; and

(e) the action taken in this regard?