

(c) the following steps are being taken to monitor the money spent on Agricultural Sector;

(i) The Crop-oriented programmes are being monitored by visiting the States.

(ii) The periodical reports indicating the physical and financial achievements viz-a-viz targets fixed are obtained from the State Governments.

(iii) The progress is also reviewed with the States in the Regional meetings/Zonal conferences/National Conferences on Agriculture for Kharif and Rabi Campaign.

F.A.O. Conference at Rome

1935. SHRI MANORANJAN
BHAKTA:
SHRI GEORGE
FERNANDES:
SHRI RABI RAY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently he attended the Food and Agricultural Organisation Conference at Rome;

(b) if so, the details of matter discussed therein;

(c) whether the F.A.O. has taken steps to implement Agenda 21 that has been finalised at Rio;

(d) if so, the details thereof .

(e) whether he also discussed the role of the forestry forum for development with the top officials of F. A. O. ; and

(f) if so, the outcome thereof?

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MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA):(a) and (b). The visit on Rome (8-10 February, 1993) was to discuss with the FAO authorities about the need for increasing FAO's role in development of forestry in the light of forestry concerns being assigned greater importance by the international community. The discussions were also aimed at expanding the volume of cooperation between the FAO and India in the field of forestry .

(c) and (d). The Eleventh Session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO) being held in Rome from 8-12 March, 1993 will take up UNCED outcome and implications of UNCED decisions for FAO's forestry programmes. The Session is expected to provide advice and guidance on FAO's response to various forestry related issues which have been highlighted during the Rio Conference.

(e) and (f). Yes, Sir. India is currently the chairman of the Forestry Forum for Developing Countries (FFDC) which provides developing countries with the opportunity to exchange experiences, review developments, discuss joint strategies and strengthen cooperation between them in forestry matters. General discussions were held to find ways and means of enhancing the effectiveness of the Forum. FAO authorities suggested that India host a Minister level Conference of the FFDC, which suggestion has been accepted by us in principle.

Improvement in PDS

1936. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the system of public distri-