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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH REPORT

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond Harbour) I beg to present the Hundred and twenty-fifth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on paragraphs contained in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1971-72, Union Government (Defence Services)

12.56 hrs.

STATEMENT RE INTERIM REPORTS BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON AGRICULTURE

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI F. A. AHMED): As Members are aware, the National Commission on Agriculture set up by the Government of India has been asked to make interim recommendations on such items of the Terms of Reference given to them as it may deem fit. The Commission has hitherto submitted 18 Interim Reports on different subjects. Copies of all these Reports have been placed in the Library of Sabha [See No LT-8770/74]

The Commission has presented on the 19th April, 1974 to the Government of India three more Interim Reports on the following subjects :—

- 1 Desert Development
- 2 Forest Research and Education
- 3 Certain Important Aspects of Selected Export-oriented Agricultural Commodities.

These Reports, as well as the Summary of the important recommendations made in these three Interim Re-

ports are placed on the Table of the Sabha.

I have directed my Department to examine the recommendations quickly before Government takes further action in the matter

SUMMARY OF THE IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN THE THREE INTERIM REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON AGRICULTURE

The National Commission on Agriculture has submitted to the Government of India today three Interim Reports dealing with

- (1) Desert Development,
- (2) Forest Research and Education;
- (3) Certain Important Aspects of Selected Export-oriented Agricultural Commodities

The important Recommendations made in these Interim Reports are summarised below:

I. INTERIM REPORT ON DESERT DEVELOPMENT

The Interim Report on Desert Development deals with the Great Indian Desert situated in Rajasthan, Haryana and Gujarat. The Commission has called for early action to arrest the rapid deterioration of the desert area and has recommended a comprehensive 15-year programme for its improvement and economic development so that much of the hardship arising there out of the drought and aridity can be mitigated permanently and lasting socio-economic improvements can be brought about in this underdeveloped region.

The integrated plan suggested by the Commission is designed to pay simultaneous attention to the development of water resources, forestry,