

**Scheme to issue Agricultural Inputs**

- \*16. **Shri Narayan Reddy:**  
**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**  
**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**  
**Shri K. N. Tiwary:**  
**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri Bibhuti Mishra:**  
**Shri Lahtan Chaudhry:**  
**Shri Himatsingka:**

Will the Minister of **Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Union Government are considering a scheme to issue agricultural inputs like fertilizers, pesticides and seeds against crop failure;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that insurance premium will be included in the price of inputs;

(c) the other main features of the scheme;

(d) whether the scheme has been approved by the National Planning Council Study Group of Agriculture; and

(e) the places where this scheme will be tried?

**The Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation (Shri C. Subramaniam):**

(a) No such scheme is under consideration at present.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

**Bonus Scheme for Food Supplies to States**

- \*17. **Shri Himatsingka:**  
**Shri Narayan Reddy:**  
**Shri D. C. Sharma:**  
**Shri Shree Narayan Das:**  
**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**  
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**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri Lahtan Chaudhry:**

- Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**  
**Shrimati Savitri Nigam:**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
**Shri Karni Singhji:**  
**Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:**

Will the Minister of **Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to introduce a bonus scheme for food supplies to the States;

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the proposal;

(c) whether any final decision has been taken in this regard; and

(d) how far this scheme is likely to benefit the Central Government?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation (Shri Govinda Menon):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

**Special Works Programme in Drought Areas**

- \*18. **Shri Linga Reddy:**  
**Shri Narayan Reddy:**  
**Shri Madhu Limaye:**  
**Shri Kishen Pattnayak:**  
**Shri Hem Barua:**  
**Shri Lahtan Chaudhry:**  
**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**  
**Shri Himatsingka:**  
**Shri D. D. Puri:**  
**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**  
**Shri Hem Raj:**

Will the Minister of **Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre is considering a proposal to set up a special cell in the Department of Agriculture to initiate special relief works programme in the drought-hit areas;

(b) if so, the details about the cell and the nature of relief works to be undertaken;