

Agricultural Census

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*851. { Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Kumari M. Vedakumari:
Shri Bhanja Deo:
Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:
Shri Manabendra Shah:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to undertake an agricultural census of the country in the near future; and

(b) if so, when this census is likely to be started and completed?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) Yes.

(b) The Census is proposed to be conducted in the agricultural year 1961-62 with 1960-61 as the reference period.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: What would be the type of census? Will it be done on the foodgrain basis that a particular land is wheat-growing or rice growing?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: The minimum list of items on which data will be required at the block level is this. Number and size of operational holdings, number and area of holdings by tenancy and size of holdings, area irrigated and unirrigated, area under crops, land utilisation, number of livestock, number of agricultural implements, use of manures and fertilisers.

Sardar A. S. Saigal: How many State Governments have come forward to take up this work?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Almost all State Governments have agreed to have a survey.

Shri Aurobindo Ghosal: May I know if statistics regarding earning and expenditure of the cultivators will also be taken?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: I have just now read the minimum number of

items. In addition to that, according to the local requirements, some additions may be made.

Shri B. K. Gaitwad: May I know whether information regarding the agricultural labourers and days on which they get employment on agriculture will be mentioned in this Census?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: That is a separate question. I have read out the minimum items. According to the local needs, they can add these things.

Shri Nagi Reddy: In view of the fact that the report of the Agricultural Labour Enquiry Committee has not yet been published even after five years' delay, may I know whether the Government is making any arrangement to see that this report is finalised and published in as short a time as possible, lest it becomes useless?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: This census is being undertaken as part of the World Agricultural Census. The F.A.O. asked us to fall in line with other member countries of the F.A.O. and conduct a survey in India as part of the World Agricultural Survey. As I said, this is going to be an agricultural survey.

Shri Nagi Reddy: My question was. . .

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Deputy Minister says that it has no relation altogether to the main question.

Shri Tyagi: Will the census be physically factual or only arithmetically done by way of a sample survey etc.?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: What the hon. Member says is that some census some our statistics which were collected through survey were not completely dependable because they were done by sample survey. But this census which is going to be conducted

will be exhaustive in all details in which both the arithmetical and physical totals will not vary.

Shri Venkatasubbalah: May I know whether an assessment of the waste lands and Government *puramboku* lands will also be made in this census?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Yes, they will also be included.

Shrimati Renuka Ray: May I know whether agricultural income will also form part of the survey that will be undertaken?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: The survey will be conducted taking the holding as the basic unit. The nature of produce, the number of growers, the amount of fertiliser used for that holding, money spent, and all such details will be there.

Shrimati Renuka Ray: I want to know whether the total agricultural income will also form part of the survey.

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Certainly this can be inferred.

Shri Jaganatha Rao: Will it form part of the all-India census that is going to be undertaken in 1961, or will it be a separate one?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: It will be a separate one; it has nothing to do with the population census.

Shri Chintamani Panigrahi: We were told that the Government has proposed to set up an Agricultural Commission to carry out agricultural survey. Is this survey different from that?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: This is a separate survey as part of the World Agricultural census.

Shri Braj Raj Singh: What shall be the pattern of survey in the areas in which there exists no Blocks even during this period when this survey work shall be undertaken?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Blocks will be taken as units. Where there are no

Blocks, the district will be taken as the unit.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know when this census report will be actually published?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: That I cannot say. It will start in 1961-62 and it may take sometime. We intend to deploy patwaris and village record keepers for two months. We expect that within two months we will be able to conduct the census, and it will take sometime after that to publish the results of the survey.

Shri Anthony Pillai: May I know whether any factual data will be collected to assess the correct amount of under-employment in the villages?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: I have already given eight items as the minimum requirements on which the survey will be conducted. I do not know whether agricultural under-employment will come under this.

Shri Tyagi: What is the estimate of total expenditure that will be incurred on this survey? Will that be paid by the F.A.O.?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: The whole thing has been worked out in detail by a working group. It is estimated that it will cost something like Rs. 1 crore. The expenditure will have to be met by the States or, naturally, the Centre or by both. The F.A.O. also may give some aid. The whole thing has not yet been decided.

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*553. { **Shri Raghunath Singh:**
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the speech made by Shri G. L. Mehta, Chairman of the Hindustan Shipyard on the 21st December, 1959 that paucity of foreign exchange and absence of orders for new shipbuilding is marring the development of