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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

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*The House met at a Quarter Past Eight  
of the Clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

RURAL DEVELOPMENT UNDER FORD

FOUNDATION ASSISTANCE

\*122. **Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to lay on the Table a statement showing:

(a) the work actually being done under the Ford Foundation Assistance in connection with what is called "Intensive Rural Development Programme";

(b) the location of five training centres under the scheme with description of kind of training;

(c) the fifteen intensive development projects with description, cost, and time of implementation; and

(d) the funds allocated to the training centres and the projects or their estimates?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 33]

FORD FOUNDATION SCHEME

\*135. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) how many training and extension projects have been set up under the agreement made between the Ford Foundation and the Government of India;

(b) where these projects have been located; and

(c) whether trainees have been selected?

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**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) Two training-cum-development and three development projects have been recently opened out of 13 so far sanctioned.

(b) *Training-cum-development projects—*

1. Agricultural Institute, Anand, Bombay.
2. Visveswaraya Canal Farm, Mysore.

*Development Projects—*

1. Kukatpalli (5-6 miles from Hyderabad City).
2. Bhandson, Tahsil Nabha, PEPSU.
3. Rangia in Kamrup District, Assam.

(c) The States are proceeding with the selection of trainees.

**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** May I know, Sir, on whose initiative the scheme has been launched and what is the financial assistance which India gets from foreign countries?

**Shri Kidwai:** The total cost of this project is Rs. 1,19,000—Rs. 56,000 capital and Rs. 63,000 recurring expenditure. As is evident, the initial cost of the first two years will be met by the Ford Foundation.

**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** May I know, Sir, if before the launching of the scheme for the benefit of the rural population, some experts of Indian rural life were consulted?

**Shri Kidwai:** They are consulted at every stage.

**Shri S. N. Das:** What is the minimum qualification expected of a candidate selected for training at these centres?

**Shri Kidwai:** These trainees are in the employ of the State Governments and each State Government will lay down its own qualifications.