

(c) to (e). Prevailing financial constraints have precluded the possibility of creating/shifting any new zonal/divisional headquarters for the present.

[*Translation*]

Insecticides Laboratories

*185. SHRIANANDRATNA MAURYA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state ;

(a) the steps taken by the Government for the quality control insecticides;

(b) the number of laboratories functioning for this purpose, State-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to upgrade the Central Insecticides Laboratory;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government also propose to upgrade State Pesticides Testing Laboratories functioning in Uttar Pradesh ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the total amount likely to be spent thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRIBALRAM JAKHAR): (a) The Government is taking following major steps for quality control of insecticides:-

(i) Establishment of Central Insecticides Laboratory at Faridabad & two Regional Pesticides Testing Laboratories under the Government of India at Chandigarh a Kanpur.

(ii) Establishment of 39 State Pesticides Testing Laboratories with a total analytical capacity of about 45,000 samples per annum.

(iii) Notification of Central and State Insecticide Inspectors under the Insecticides Act, 1968;

(iv) Follow-up action in respect of mis-branded pesticides

(v) Regular review of quality control efforts of State Departments of Agriculture.

(b) Number of laboratories functioning in the States for quality control of insecticides are as under :-

| <i>S. No.</i> | <i>State</i> | <i>Number of Laboratories</i> |
|---------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1. | Tamil Nadu | 9 |
| 2. | Andhra Pradesh & Maharashtra | 4 each |
| 3. | Punjab & Uttar Pradesh | 3 each |
| 4. | Gujarat, Karnataka & Rajasthan | 2 each |
| 5. | Assam, Bihar, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Orissa, West Bengal and Pondicherry. | 1 each |

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) VIII Plan, proposals inter-alia include upgradation of technical facilities and infrastructure of the Central Insecticides laboratory. Pre-registration verification on the parameters of chemistry, bio-efficiency, phyto-toxicity, residue of pesticides would be the areas of upgradation by providing sophisticated equipment and allied facility.

(e) and (f). No proposals has been received from the State Government for extending financial assistance for upgradation of Pesticides Testing Laboratories.

Allotment of Degraded Forest Lands

*186. SHRI RAMASHARY PRASAD SINGH:
SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA :

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

(a) whether the Government propose to provide employment to the rural/tribal families by allotting degraded forest lands;

(b) if so, the details of the guidelines issued in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have received proposals from the State Governments to allot degraded forest lands for this purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon ; and

(e) the funds allocated under the scheme and the number of rural/tribal families likely to be benefited during the Eighth Plan, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) No, Sir. While a scheme of involving tribal and rural poor in regeneration of degraded forests lands on usufruct sharing basis is being taken up on a pilot basis during the Eighth Plan, no forest land is proposed to be allotted to any rural/tribal families.

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

[English]

Edible Oil

*187. .. SHRI KESRI LAL SHRI H.D. DEVEGOWDA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the new technology adopted and the Research and Development Programmes Undertaken by the Technology Mission of Oil Seeds during 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(b) the total amount spent by the Government on this Mission during that period;

(c) the estimated production of edible oil and achievement made during 1992-93; and

(d) the time by which the country is likely to be self-sufficient in the production of edible oil ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) Research and Development Programmes have been taken up to develop a multitude of situation/location specific improved varieties hybrids,