

Integrated Pest Management

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and FAO have signed a project agreement for FAO/GCP Inter-country Programme for the Development and application of Integrated Pest Control;

(b) if so, the main features of the programme;

(c) the extent to which the project will support the development of Integrated Pest Management amongst the member countries; and

(d) the time by which the agreement is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) Yes, Sir. India and Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) have signed a project agreement for a Food and Agriculture Organisation/Government Cooperative Programme (FAO/GCP) Inter County Programme for the Development and application of Integrated Pest Control in Rice in South and South-East Asia.

(b) and (c). The project will be executed by the FAO in Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Lagos, Malaysia, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam and India over a period of five years with financial support from the Netherlands, Australia and Switzerland.

The project will support the development of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in member countries by facilitating exchange of information and expertise among the members, testing and adoption of IPM in the field, providing training for trainers and giving other assistance to ensure effective application of the IPM by the rice farmers.

(d) The agreement is already under implementation from April, 1993.

Scarcity-Hit areas

*193. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of districts in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan and other States declared scarcity-hit this year;

(b) the Central aid sought by the State Governments as relief for these areas; and

(c) the response of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) to (c). While the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Orissa have reported drought conditions in some parts in varying degrees, the States of Gujarat and Rajasthan have declared drought in the following districts during 1993-94:—

Gujarat:

(1) Kutch (2) Jamnagar (3) Junagadh (4) Rajkot.