

(c) the estimated employment capacity to be found under the scheme with particular reference to the total number of agriculturists to be thrown out of employment during the lean season?

The Minister Planning and Labour and Employment (Shri Nanda): (a) to (c). A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Thirteen pilot projects for works programmes for utilising rural manpower have been allotted to the Government of Bihar to be taken up during the slack agricultural seasons in 1961-62 and 1962-63. Any amount spent on these projects up to the end of the financial year 1961-62 will be entirely borne by the Centre. From the financial year 1962-63, the cost of these projects will be met by the Centre on the basis of 50% grant and 50% loan. The cost of each project is Rs. 2 lakhs during the first phase (i.e., the period which begins in slack agricultural season of one financial year when the projects are started and ends at the close of the next financial year). After the first phase, each project is entitled to Rs. 1 lakh per annum for the three subsequent years, the pattern of Central assistance remaining same, i.e. 50% grant and 50% loan. The schemes proposed to be undertaken under the pilot projects in Bihar include construction of kucha bunds, roads with culverts, minor and medium irrigation, desilting of pynes, village channels and escapes. The thirteen projects are expected to provide employment to about 13,300 agricultural workers for 100 days, during the slack agricultural seasons in 1961-62 and 1962-63. The total number of unemployed agricultural labourers during the lean season is being estimated through a survey.

Agriculturists in Orissa

1050. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether projects are proposed to be launched in Orissa with Central

Government subsidies for providing employment to agriculturists during the lean season;

(b) if so, what are the details of the schemes; and

(c) the estimated cost of these schemes and what aid will be provided by the Central Government?

The Minister of Planning and Labour and Employment (Shri Nanda): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Two pilot projects for Works Programmes for utilising Rural Manpower were launched by the Government of Orissa during the slack agricultural season in 1960 at the instance of the Government of India. Under the second series, twelve more pilot projects have been allotted to the Government of Orissa to be taken up during the slack agricultural seasons in 1961-62 and 1962-63. All pilot projects, whether belonging to the first or second series, were financed fully by the Centre up to the end of the financial year 1961-62. From the financial year 1962-63, the cost of the projects will be met by the Centre on the basis of 50% grant and 50% loan. The cost of each project is Rs. 2 lakhs during the first phase (i.e., the period which begins in slack agricultural season of one financial year when the projects are started and ends at the close of the next financial year). After the first phase, each project is entitled to Rs. 1 lakhs per annum for the three subsequent years, the pattern of Central assistance remaining same, i.e. 50% grant and 50% loan.

The total estimated cost of the projects in Orissa is Rs. 28 lakhs. Out of this the amount spent up to the end of the financial year 1961-62 will be entirely borne by the Centre, while the pattern of Central assistance for these projects in the subsequent period will be on the basis of 50% grant and 50% loan. The schemes included under the pilot projects in Orissa are

minor irrigation, road works, excavation of pisciculture tanks, construction of panchayat pathagars, construction of school buildings, afforestation, construction of elevated house-sites in flood-affected areas and formation of forest labourers' cooperatives.

Employment for Agriculturists in Assam

1051. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether some projects are proposed to be started in Assam to provide employment to the agriculturists during the lean season with the Central Government's aid;

(b) if so, what are the details of the projects;

(c) the estimated cost to be involved in the scheme; and

(d) the estimated employment potential envisaged under these projects with particular reference to the total number of persons thrown out of employment?

The Minister of Planning and Labour and Employment (**Shri Nanda**): (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Three pilot projects for works programmes for utilising rural manpower were launched by the Government of Assam during the slack agricultural season in 1960 at the instance of the Government of India. Under the second series, ten more pilot projects have been allotted to the Government of Assam to be taken up during the slack agricultural seasons in 1961-62 and 1962-63. All pilot projects taken up under the first or second series were financed fully by the Centre up to the end of the financial year 1961-62. From the financial year 1962-63 the cost of the projects will be met by the Centre on the basis of 50% grant and 50% loan. The cost of each project is Rs. 2 lakhs during the

first phase (i.e., the period which begins in slack agricultural season of one financial year when the projects are started and ends at the close of the next financial year). After the first phase, each project is entitled to Rs. 1 lakh per annum for the subsequent three years, the pattern of assistance remaining the same, i.e. 50% grant and 50% loan.

The schemes proposed under the pilot projects in Assam include road-cum-bunds, embankments, construction of regulators and escapes and development of fisheries. The cost of the schemes has been estimated at Rs. 26 lakhs for the period up to the end of the financial year 1962-63. The projects are expected to provide employment to nearly 13,300 agricultural labourers for 100 days during the slack agricultural seasons in 1961-62 and 1962-63. The total number of unemployed agricultural labourers in the lean season in the Blocks where the projects have been proposed in being estimated through a survey.

Employment for Agriculturists in West Bengal

1052. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether some schemes are to be launched in West Bengal to provide employment to the agriculturists during the lean season with Central collaboration;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme; and

(c) what is the estimated employment potential of these projects with particular reference to the total number of agricultural labourers who are out of employment during the lean season?

The Minister of Planning and Labour and Employment (**Shri Nanda**): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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