

(b) Soil and climatic conditions in the country are generally not suitable for production of cotton of 1-3/16" and above staple which are required for superfine cloth. Attempts are being made to produce, however, Andrews Sea Island cotton of these staple lengths in certain areas of Mysore, Kerala and Madras. The production of cottons between 1" and 1-3/16" has been rising and is at present about 5 lakh bales. It is expected that by the end of the 3rd Five Year Plan it will be possible to restrict imports only to cottons of 1-3/16" and above and all the remaining requirements of Indian Textile Industry for fine and superfine cloth will be met from indigenous sources.

#### Agricultural Production

40. { Shri N. R. Laskar;  
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka;  
Shri Subodh Hansda:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 34 on the 19th November, 1963 and state:

(a) whether various State Governments have since implemented the recommendations made by the "Working Groups" for closer integration of agriculture, community development and cooperation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) The Governments of Punjab and Rajasthan and the Pondicherry Administration have implemented this recommendation.

(b) The Government of Punjab has redesignated the post of Financial Commissioner Development and Secretary to the Government in the Panchayat and Development Department as 'Financial Commissioner, Agricultural Production and Rural Development.' He will now be directly responsible, under the Chief Minister, for

the departments not only of Development and Panchayats, but also, through their Secretaries, of Agriculture (and allied subjects) and Co-operation.

The Government of Rajasthan has decided to redesignate the present post of the Development Commissioner as 'Development Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Agricultural Production, who shall deal with Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, and Cooperation, in addition to Panchayat and Community Development. In order to assist him in dealing effectively with agriculture, animal husbandry and co-operation, as also to enable him to give adequate attention to field work and policy matters, the Development Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Agricultural Production shall be assisted by a Special Secretary for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry and Cooperation. For Panchayats and Community Development work, the Development Commissioner-cum-Secretary Agricultural Production shall be assisted by the Joint Development Commissioner, as heretofore.

In Pondicherry the Chief Secretary is the Development Commissioner and Secretary, Planning and Development Department is the head of all departments concerned with the Agricultural production such as Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Community Development, Cooperation and allied Departments.

In other States the recommendations of the working groups have been examined by the Governments and while, they are agreed to, in principle, details of measures to be taken to implement them are under study.

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41. { Shri N. R. Laskar;  
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka;  
Shri Subodh Hansda;  
Shri Bhagwat Jha Aasad:

Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to state whether