

(b) if so, the main recommendations of the conference?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3117/60].

Rural Works Programme

549. { **Shri Vishram Prasad:**
Shri Jashvant Mehta:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:

Will the Minister of Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that shortage of technical personnel has been responsible for the slow execution of the rural works programme; and

(b) if so, the measures Government propose to take to do away with this shortage?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development and Cooperation (Shri B. S. Murthy):

(a) and (b). In the reports prepared by the Programme Evaluation Organisation it has been reported that lack of adequate technical staff hampered the smooth execution of the works, particularly those relating to soil conservation, taken up under the Rural Works Programme in Madras, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajasthan. The question was discussed in the Conference of Development Commissioners held in July 1964 and the Conference recommended that the State Governments should review the position of technical staff such as Overseers and soil conservation personnel with reference to the requirement for such staff in the remaining period of the Plan and make necessary arrangements for training and recruitment. This recommendation was endorsed by the

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Conference of State Ministers of Community Development and Panchayati Raj. State Governments have been requested to implement the recommendations.

Bajra

550. { **Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:**
Shri Ram Harsh Yadav:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi has discovered a new improved type of Bajra known as 'Pusa Moti'; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) The Bajra variety 'Pusa Moti' was evolved by selection from material received from Ghana. It is an early variety and has given as high as 2300 to 2500 kilograms of grains per hectare in several trials. It is now being grown in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.

Institute of Child's Study in Bangkok

554. **Shri R. G. Dubey:** Will the Minister of Social Security be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the International Institute of children's study in Bangkok have undertaken a survey on child and family psychology; and

(b) if so, the results of this survey?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Social Security (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) and (b). It is understood that the International Institute for Child Study at Bangkok has been carrying out studies on child

development. It has not yet completed investigation work concerning the village, the school, the family and the children in Thailand.

Evaluation of Agricultural Programme in Rajasthan

552. { Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
Shri P. Kunhan:
Shri M. N. Swamy:
Dr. Saradish Roy:
Shri Imbichibava:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a study team was deputed by the Planning Commission to Rajasthan to evaluate agricultural performance and to probe certain shortcomings; and

(b) if so, the main conclusions and recommendations made by the team?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir. The Joint Central Team comprising the representatives of the Ministry of Food & Agriculture and Community Development & Cooperation visited the Rajasthan State from June 9-11, 1964 with a view to securing close collaboration between the Centre and the State Government in the formulation and effective implementation of agricultural programmes in the State for 1964-65.

(b) A statement indicating the main conclusions and recommendations is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-3122/64.*]

Per Capita Consumption of Food

553. Shri M. N. Swamy: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the *per capita* consumption of food in India today; and

(b) how it compares with the rest of the world?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri D. R. Chavan): (a) and (b). Under conditions of decontrol and without a scientific survey, it is difficult to assess correctly the *per capita* consumption of food in the country. However, a statement is laid on the table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-3123/64*] showing the *per capita* net availability of foodgrains for consumption in the country during 1963 after making allowances broadly for seed, feed, wastage etc. It has to be emphasised that these figures are not strictly representative of the actual level of consumption in the country since the estimates of total availability do not take into account changes in stocks carried over by traders and producers, etc. from one crop year to another. The statement also gives *per capita* consumption of foodgrains in some of the selected countries as compiled by the FAO for the year for which latest information is available.

Financing of Schemes by UNICEF

554. { Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
Shri Rameshwar Tanti:
Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri Dhaon:
Shri B. P. Yadava:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Social Security be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the UNICEF organisation of the U.N. has made some fresh commitments regarding the financing of a number of projects in this country in the field of education and health; and

(b) if so, the quantum of the aid promised and the projects for which it has been earmarked?