

Indo-German Agricultural Development Projects are, at present, in operation in the Districts of Mandi and Kangra of Himachal Pradesh & Nilgiris in Madras for development of agriculture in these districts. Development of Horticulture is also a part of the programme.

A statement, showing the names etc. of the Experts/Technicians assigned to the above-mentioned Projects and the period of their assignment, is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No LT-717/67]. The period of assignment of these Experts/Technicians varies from six months to five years

Flood Lights at Taj Mahal, Agra

3010. Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Ram Gopal Shalwale:
Shri Ram Avtar Shastri:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Atam Das:

Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to instal flood lights at Taj Mahal;

(b) if so, at what cost; and

(c) the reasons for taking up this projects?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) and (b): A proposal to light up the Taj Mahal is under examination, and the cost thereof is being worked out.

(c) The intention is that the lighting should be so arranged as to give the simulated effect of moon-light, so that tourists who are unable to visit the Taj by natural moon-light will have some idea of how the monument looks by moonlight.

Adoption of Famine Stricken Villages

3011. Shri S. A. Agadi:
Shri M. Rampure:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Bellary District of Mysore State has adopted some famine stricken villages of Bihar to offer succour to the populace;

(b) if so, the villages which have been 'adopted' so far and the extent of the help received in kind and cash so far;

(c) whether any other State has come forward to follow this example; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) to (d). A Committee has been constituted in the Bellary District of Mysore State with Deputy Commissioner as Chairman to make collections in cash and kind for the Bihar Famine Relief Fund. The intention of the organisers is to utilise the collections, not by putting them into the general pool, but by using them in a few selected villages in the famine stricken areas of Bihar, as this will give the people of Bellary a sense of direct participation in the Bihar relief programme. The collections are still going on and the villages are yet to be selected by the Bihar Government.

It has been ascertained from the Government of Bihar that they have not, however, received so far any proposal from Mysore or any other State in this respect.

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3012. श्री यशवन्त सिंह कुलकर्णी : क्या राज्य तथा कृषि मंत्रालय 4 अप्रैल, 1967 के अंतराकालिक प्रश्न संख्या 484 के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) त्रिज गण्यों ने अपने यहाँ विस्तारीय स्वायत्तशासी प्रशासन स्थापित करने के