

(ii) ट्रैक्टरों द्वारा तथा 'हीरो' चलाकर भूमि का उद्धार;

(iii) सड़कों का निर्माण;

(iv) मकानों की अलाटमेंट;

(v) पीने का पानी, शिक्षा और चिकित्सा सुविधाएँ; और

(vi) सिंचाई सुविधाएँ।

Land under High-Yielding Crops in Rajasthan

1776. SHRI D. N. PATODIA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are plans for bringing land under high-yielding crop in Rajasthan during the next three years under the Central Scheme; and

(b) if so, the particulars thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). The High-Yielding Varieties Programme is a State plane scheme. Under this scheme, the Government of Rajasthan have planned to cover the following areas during the next three years :—

(Area in lakh acres)

Crop	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73
Paddy	0.50	0.60	0.80
Mexican wheat	8.00	10.00	12.50
Hybrid Bajra	6.00	9.00	11.00
Hybrid Jowar	0.30	0.50	0.80
Hybrid Maize	1.00	1.50	3.00
Total	15.80	21.60	28.10

Three or Four Crops-a-Year Programme for Increasing Food Production

1777. SHRI D. N. PATODIA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the agricultural scientists if 25 million acres are brought under 'three or four crops-a-year programme', the annual food production in the country could be raised to 100 million tonnes;

(b) whether apart from solving the problem of food the project will offer opportunities of employment to roughly 15 to 20 million additional agricultural labour in the country; and

(c) if so, whether Government have considered the feasibility of putting the scheme into reality and if so, their thinking in this matter and if not, the reasons for not accepting the plan which has such favourable opportunities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. If livestock is also dovetailed with crop husbandry, the projects would help to employ 15-20 million additional agricultural workers in the rural sector.

(c) The Government have taken up the Multiple Cropping Programme from the year 1967-68. Under this programme, it is planned to cover an additional area of about 22.5 million acres during the Fourth Five Year Plan.

Potato Cultivation in Rajasthan

1778. SHRI D. N. PATODIA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some parts of Rajasthan are suitable for potato cultivation ;

(b) whether the Central Government, under the high yielding crop programme, have drawn up any scheme for the cultivation of potatoes in Rajasthan ; and

(c) if so, the details of the scheme up, if any ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir. The districts of Kota, Alwar, Udaipur and Jaipur are suitable for potato cultivation in Rajasthan. It can also be grown in district of Sriganganagar and Banswara.

(b) Under the High Yielding Varieties Programme, the Central Government have not drawn up any scheme for the cultivation of potatoes in Rajasthan. However, for the development of potatoes in the State, the Central Government makes arrangements for the supply of nucleus and foundation seed of High Yielding Varieties of potatoes multiplied by Central potato Research Institute and National Seeds Corporation respectively.

(c) Does not arise.

Supply of Sub-Standard Quality of Wheat by F.C.I.

1779. **SHRI D.N. PATODIA :** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Southern Flour Mills Association have refused to lift wheat from the Food Corporation of India being of sub-standard quality,

(b) whether it is also a fact that this is second occasion when the Association refused to lift wheat from the Food Corporation of India on similar grounds ; and

(c) if so, whether full inquiries have been made as to why sub-standard stuff was supplied and if so, the findings thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB

SHINDE) : (a) and (b). wheat is not allotted to any flour mills Association. Therefore, there is no question of Southern Flour Mills Association refusing to lift wheat. No individual roller flour mill in the Southern States has refused to lift wheat from Food Corporation of India alleging it to be of sub-standard quality.

(c) Does not arise.

Sharing of Building Expenditure of Post Office in rural areas between P.&T. Department and Panchayats

1780. **SHRI K. ANIRUDHAN :** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has written to the State Government that to open more post offices in rural areas, Panchayats may be given powers to share the building expenditure ;

(b) the response to the suggestion from the State ; and

(c) the number of additional post-offices to be opened in rural areas in the year 1970-71 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) No. The Minister of State for Communications however has written to all the Chief Minister of States and Lt. Governors and Chief Commissioners of Union Territories to consider the question of vesting the Panchayats with powers to incur expenditure to meet the extra cost over and above what the Government has undertaken to bear for opening of post offices in rural areas. No suggestion for sharing of building expenditure has been made.

(b) The response of the State Governments to the suggestion of the Minister of State for Communications is as follows :

Maharashtra :—The Government of Maharashtra has already implemented the suggestion by empowering the Panchayats of