

- (2) The larger cultivators will be called upon to contribute a relatively higher production of their borrowings towards share capital while the smaller cultivators will invariably be extended the facility of paying their share amount in convenient instalments.
- (3) Stress will be laid on effective implementation of crop loan system. To ascertain whether the small farmer is receiving adequate attention, it is intended that the credit limit statements are so separated so as to identify small farmers *vis-a-vis* others.
- (4) Loaning policies of land development banks will be liberalised, e.g. liberalisation in respect of valuation of landed property offered as security, issue of joint loans for groups of small cultivators, emphasis on the operational and economic viability of the proposed investment and not merely the value of tangible security and phasing of the repaying programme in accordance with the capacity of the small cultivators.
- (5) Bigger cultivators who can repay loans in shorter periods will be encouraged to avail of medium term credit for investment, so that larger volume of long-term credit can be made available for small farmers from land development banks.

The scheme of special grants to cooperative banks and societies as an inducement to them to give larger loans to small cultivators for production purposes is being continued as State Plan Scheme in the Fourth Plan. New institutional agencies like the Small Farmers Development Agency and that for Marginal Farmers and Agricultural Labourers are also being set up to channelise credit to small farmers.

Scheme to study Relationship between Demographic change and Economic Development

2423. SHRI DEVINDER SINGH

GARCHA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of the recommendations made by the 30th Agricultural Economic Conference at Pantnager on the 24th October, 1970, Government propose to draw up a scheme to study the relationship between demographic change and economic development at the village and family levels with a view to demonstrate to farmers how rapid growth of village population affected the resources, the size of holdings, the income per head and the pace of economic developments; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b) . The Presidential Address to the 30th All India Agricultural Economic Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics held at U. P. Agricultural University, Pantnager, contains several suggestions including the one for making a study of the relationship of demographic change to economic development at the village and family levels. These suggestions are primarily for the consideration of universities, research institutions, research workers, etc. engaged on such studies. Government has not drawn up any scheme on the basis of this suggestion.

Soil Survey in Innovativise Intensive Agricultural District

2424. SHRI DHANDAPANI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are planning a scheme of soil survey in five Innovative Intensive Agricultural Districts at the cost of Rs. 7.5 lakhs ;

(b) if so, whether detailed survey in this regard has been conducted; and

(c) if so, when it is likely to be completed ?