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Suggestions by I.L.O. to Increase Monetary Incentives to Encourage Family Planning

369. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether there have been any suggestions by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) to the Government of India to increase the monetary incentives to encourage family planning; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the suggestions made by the International Labour Organisation and the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJALIAH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Production and Procurement of Potato

370. SHRI ANIL BASU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of Potato produced during the current season in the country and State-wise details thereof; and

(b) the quantum of Potato-purchased by Central Government from different States, State-wise, and at what rate ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) Final estimates of potato for 1984-85 are not yet due from the States. However, it is currently assessed that production during 1984-85 is likely to exceed the last year's level of 12.25 million tonnes.

(b) The Central Government do not purchase potatoes. The purchases of potato made by designated agencies during

the current year in different States are as follows :-

State	Quantity purchased (in qtls.)
Himachal Pradesh	9,341 (till 13.3.1985)
Punjab	36,386 (till 13.3.1985)
Uttar Pradesh	85,700 (till 12.3.1985)
West Bengal	8,000 (till 12.3.1985)

The support/intervention price of potato for the fair average quality has been fixed at Rs. 50/- per quintal.

Cost of Production of Potato and Fixation of Support Price

371. SHRI ANIL BASU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total expenditure involved in growing a quintal of potato;

(b) the support price of potato per quintal; and

(c) the basis of fixing support price for potato and details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) As per the data collected under of the Comprehensive Scheme of Cost Cultivation, estimates of cash and kind expenditure by the farmers for growing one quintal of potato in Uttar Pradesh during 1981-82 was Rs. 28.56.

(b) and (c) For perishable commodities like potato the Government do not fix any minimum support price as in the cases of various agricultural commodities like wheat, paddy, oilseeds, pulses, etc. However, in the case of perishables, at the instance of the State Governments, the Government have been directing the designated agencies to undertake the market support operations at an indicative price. This price is fixed by mutual consultation between the Central and the State Governments. The indicative price gives due consideration to the likely expenditure incurred by the potato growers.