

as soon as the following conditions are fulfilled by the State Government :—

(i) Total transfer of agricultural research from the State Departments to the B.C.K.V.V :

(ii) Transfer of farms from the Departments to the BCKVV for the establishment of Zonal and Sub-Research Stations.

**Use of animal dung and other farm wastes as manure**

2131. SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large proportion of animal dung and dropping are used as a fuel and if so, the estimated figures of production and use as a fuel and farm manure ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that experiments in Rasulia, Madhya Pradesh (Friends Rural Centre) conclusively prove that farm yard manure is as effective as Chemical fertilisers and with added advantages ;

(c) the net savings in use of chemical fertilizers if animal dung and other farm wastes were not burnt as fuel and used as farm yard manure ; and

(d) whether Government propose to ban burning of dung and farm wastes for three years in the first instance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) As no systematic survey has been conducted on the extent of use of dung and dropping as a fuel and manure, no data in this regard is available.

(b) It is conclusively proved that combined use of farm yard manure with chemical fertilisers has added advantages.

(c) and (d) It has been well recognised that the organic manures supplement the use of chemical fertilisers. The State Governments have been advised from time to

time to promote the use of organic manures and at present about 235 million tonnes of rural compost and 6.7 million tonnes of urban compost are being used as manure.

**Allocation of chemical fertilizers to Maharashtra**

2132. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHEPATIL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of chemical fertilizers allocated to Maharashtra during 1985 and the demand made by the State Government ; and

(b) whether the quantity allocated by the Centre would be adequate to meet the needs of Maharashtra ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The total quantity of fertilisers demanded by Maharashtra during kharif 1985 (April-September, 1985) and Rabi 1985-86 (October 1985-March 1986) were 5.49 and 3.55 lakh tonnes of nutrients respectively. These demands were examined with reference to the past consumption trends and the agricultural programmes envisaged during each season and after discussions in the Zonal Conferences held just before commencement of each season. The final demands arrived at after mutual consultation with the State Government were 5.25 and 3.00 lakh tonnes of nutrients for kharif and rabi season respectively.

(b) Yes, Sir.

**WFP food aid for projects**

2133. SHRI MANIK REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that World Food Programme is to give \$ 24.5 million food aid for 2 projects and if so, full details thereof ;

(b) whether earlier projects aided by WFP failed to achieve the desired results