

(b) Various measures have been/are being taken by the Government to save the paddy crop from various diseases and pests like Green Leaf Hopper etc. The Government of India is organising regular pest surveillance and monitoring on paddy crop both during Kharif and rabi seasons in collaboration with the ICAR and the major paddy growing States. Concerned authorities are apprised of the pest situation for organising timely and need-based control measures.

In the event of any significant pest development, the States Departments organise control campaigns and mobilise the farmers through various mass media and extension agencies for taking up control measures. In the campaigns, technical know-how, men and material are also provided by the State Department of Agriculture and field stations of the Central Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage.

In the case of epidemics, financial assistance is also provided to meet the requirement of the pest control operations.

Setting up of a Rural Technology Centre

202. SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a rural technology centre for each district in the country to pass on the benefits of technological advancement to the developmental agencies in the districts; and

(b) if so, details of funds set apart for the same and when the centres will be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) and (b) A new scheme titled 'Composite Rural Training & Technology Centres' has been included in the 7th Five Year Plan. An outlay of Rs. 20 crores has been provided for this scheme in the 7th Plan and Rs. 2.5 crores for the year

1985-86. The details of the scheme are being worked out.

Special grant for Development of Satna City, Madhya Pradesh

203. SHRI AZIZ QURESHI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware that thousands of people come to city of Satna in Madhya Pradesh, including foreigners, who wish to visit Khajuraho, Chhtrakot and Mathar etc;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to drive any special grant for the development of the city of Satna in Madhya Pradesh under the scheme to develop small and medium towns in the country ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (c) Yes Sir, the State Government have recommended inclusion of Khajuraho town under the IDSMT scheme at an estimated project cost of Rs. 79.47 lakhs since it is the main place of tourist attraction. Under the scheme the Central contribution will be of about 40 lakhs has already been released for the development of this town from out of the Central Government share. No proposal for inclusion of Satna under IDSMT programme was received from the State Government.

Site workers of construction companies

204. SHRI ANIL BASU : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any scheme regarding the site workers of construction companies both in public and private sector who move alongwith the company from site to site for decades;

(b) if so, details of the said scheme;

* An amount of Rs. 23.00 lakhs.