

(d) if so, the steps contemplated in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. There is inter-State variation in fertilizer consumption in the country. State-wise per hectare consumption of fertilizers during 1984-85 and estimated consumption during 1985-86 is given in the Statement given below.

(c) and (d). The rate of intake of fertilizers is lower in the Eastern States compared to Punjab and Haryana. With the increase in fertilizer use the production of rice can be raised substantially. To increase the production of rice in the Eastern States a special rice production programme in 420 selected blocks in the States of Assam, Bihar, Eastern Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Eastern U. P. and West Bengal is in operation. Under this Scheme efforts are being made to increase the productivity of rice through various package of practices including increased use of fertilizers.

Statement

Name of State	Consumption of nutrients (N + P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> + K <sub>2</sub> O)	
	Kg/Hectare	
	(1984-85)	(1985-86) (estimated)
1	2	3
1. Andhra Pradesh	75.14	67.13
2. Kerala	43.94	50.10
3. Karnataka	52.61	50.42
4. Tamil Nadu	99.94	99.56
5. Gujarat	46.28	40.41
6. Madhya Pradesh	17.13	19.98
7. Maharashtra	28.51	33.71
8. Rajasthan	11.11	11.41
9. Haryana	57.78	64.80
10. Punjab	151.19	158.19
11. Uttar Pradesh	65.11	86.80

1	2	3
12. Himachal Pradesh	22.92	24.50
13. J. & K.	29.72	35.54
14. Assam	4.01	5.06
15. Bihar	35.90	47.15
16. West Bengal	54.81	60.90
17. Manipur	15.66	20.61
18. Meghalaya	14.30	17.26
19. Nagaland	1.76	1.76
20. Tripura	8.15	13.14
21. Orissa	13.04	16.14
22. Sikkim	13.00	13.00
All India Average	46.38	50.98

Probe into working of ICAR

5592. SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH MALIK :  
SHRI SUBHASH YADAV :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to appoint a high powered panel to probe into the working of Indian Council of Agricultural Research;

(b) if so, the composition of the panel; and

(c) the terms of reference thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Semi-starvation conditions among poor in villages

5593. SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH MALIK :  
SHRI SUBHASH YADAV :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :