

irrigation works, flood protection, drainage and water logging works, construction/renovation of village tanks for providing water for human/cattle/agricultural use, pisci-culture, irrigation wells and field channels on individual holdings of members of SC/ST and allottees of ceiling surplus lands etc., construction of houses for individual members of SC/ST and freed bonded labourers, etc. rural sanitation, link roads etc.

(f) All these works help in alleviation of poverty in the rural areas.

(g) Employment to the extent of 100 million mandays is likely to be generated by utilisation of additive foodgrains under NREP/RLEGP during the year 1986-87.

Sanction of Additional Funds for Flood Relief to Tamil Nadu

1998. SHRI P. M. SAYEED : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have sanctioned additional flood relief funds to Tamil Nadu ;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned ; and

(c) how this relief fund is proposed to be utilised and the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to make adequate arrangements so that the 1985 flood havoc is not repeated and heavy loss of life, property and crops is warded off ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). A total ceiling of Central assistance amounting to Rs. 66.81 crores has been sanctioned for 1985-86 to Government of Tamil Nadu for flood/cyclone relief measures.

(c) It is the responsibility of the State Government concerned to administer relief operations. A Monitoring Cell has been set up in the Union Ministry of Agriculture to monitor the utilisation of Central assistance for relief.

As regards floods control measures, its planning and execution is done by the State Government on account its being a State subject.

Technological Training for use of Farm Machinery

1999. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any special provision has been made in Seventh Five Year Plan for imparting advance technological training for the use of advance farm machinery and skilled labour in order to increase farm production in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to consider the matter afresh to provide advance training in order to increase farm production, and to set up a Central University for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c). Under the Ministry of Agriculture, at present, there are 3 Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institutes functioning in the Central Northern and Southern Regions. They are Central Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute, Budni (M. P.). Northern Region Farm Machinery Training & Testing Instt., Hissar (Haryana) and Southern Region Farm Machinery Training and Testing Instt., Garladinne, (Andhra Pradesh). These Institutes are inter-alia imparting on-the-job training in the selection, operation, maintenance and management of tractors, power-tillers, pumpsets and other agricultural machinery. During the Seventh Plan, a sum of Rs. 530 lakhs has been provided for strengthening of training and testing activities at these Institutes. There is also a provision of Rs. 100 lakhs for establishment of two new such Institutes in Eastern and Western Regions during Seventh Plan. Under the ICAR system short-duration trainings are also offered by Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Central Institute of Agricultural Engineer-

ing and some other Institutes and Centres of All-India coordinated projects on Farm Implements and Machinery to farmers, rural artisans and extension workers on operation repair and maintenance fabrication of improved tools, implements and equipments. Besides, the Departments of Agricultural Engineering in Agricultural Universities also offer similar training.

Drinking Water Facilities in Lakshadweep Islands

2000. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the problem of drinking water facilities in Lakshadweep Islands is acute ?

(b) if so, whether a new water supply scheme is being worked out in these Islands;

(c) if so, whether there is any threat of the new scheme endangering the ecological balance in this Union Territory and thereby affect crops as well as drinking water through salination; and

(d) if so, whether clearance for the water schemes has been obtained from concerned experts ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (S. BUTA SINGH): (a) to (d). Lakshadweep Administration has reported that water supply schemes are being taken up in all the inhabited Islands. The schemes are finalised after thorough on-the-spot survey and investigation conducted by the Kerala Public Health Engineering Department. The schemes are technically scrutinized by the Central Government particularly from the aspect of likelihood of danger to the ecological balance, effect on crops and on drinking water through salination. Sanction of these schemes is accorded by the Central Government only after such a scrutiny.

Telecast of T. V. Film "Rajiv's India"

2001. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER :
SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY :

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT :
SHRI N. VENKATARATNAM:
DR. A. K. PATEL :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the screening of Jack Anderson's T. V. film "Rajiv's India's, scheduled to be shown on Doordarshan on the 7th February, 1986 was postponed;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether million of T. V. viewers were disappointed due to sudden postponement of screening of the film; and

(d) when it will be shown on Television ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL): (a) to (d). Doordarshan had announced that it would telecast in the national network on 7th February a documentary "Rajiv's India" produced by ISI/Jack Anderson Film Inc. The decision to do so had been taken in view of the professional standing of Mr. Anderson, even though there were differences of opinion on several aspects of the film itself.

A preview of the film was organised at a Reception by the Press Trust of India in New Delhi on 6th February. Several of the invitees felt that the film did not present an exact or balanced picture of the country and of recent events. In view of their strong reactions, it was felt that the question of its showing might be examined more thoroughly. An announcement was again made putting off the showing due on 7th February.

A final decision has not yet been taken.

Impact of Pari-Sen Fishing Nets on Fishing Industry

2002. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI :
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :