

Indian Sugarcane Development Council was held on 14th October, 1980. The question of reconstitution of the Indian Sugarcane Development Council has been under active consideration taking into account all connected aspects. The State Governments and other concerned Departments and Organisations have been addressed with a view to obtain their recommendations for reconstituting the Council and the matter is being pursued.

(b) The Directorate of Sugarcane Development is located in Sahibabad, District Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. It is headed by a Director, who is a technical Officer and is assisted by three Technical Officers and 35 other supporting staff. The important functions of the Dte. of Sugarcane Development are as under : —

- (i) Maintenance of liaison with the State Governments and other State level agencies in course of development.
- (ii) Coordination between research and development by keeping in touch with the research work undertaken by the ICAR, the Agricultural Universities and other research organisations.
- (iii) Compilation and analysis of data regarding crop acreage, production, prices, marketing, trade, consumption and other related aspects and studies on problems of development.
- (iv) Feed back to the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation on various aspects mentioned above as well as crop estimates and prospects in relation to changes in agro-climatic conditions and other relevant factors.
- (v) Dissemination of technical knowledge and information through publications including specialised journals bulletins as well as other literature.

Foreign Tours of Officers of DDA

4157. SHRI S. M. BHATTAM : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether most of the officers in Delhi Development Authority had gone on foreign tours during August/September, 1985 and therefore work in Delhi Development Authority had virtually come to a standstill;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) at what level these tours were sanctioned ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) & (b) No, Sir, only Vice-Chairman, Engineer Member and Chief Engineer of DDA went abroad. They visited Denmark and other countries in Europe to study modern technology about prefab construction and possibilities of collaboration.

(c) Their visit had the approval of the Lt. Governor of Delhi, who is also the Chairman of the Authority.

Areas Under HYV of Crops During Sixth and Seventh Plan

4158. SHRI NITYANANDA MISHRA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had taken steps to increase areas under high yielding varieties of crops during the Sixth Plan period;

(b) if so, the achievement made in this regard by different States during the above plan period;

(c) the target set by Government for increasing areas under high yielding varieties of crops during Seventh Plan period; and

(d) the schemes prepared and amount earmarked to achieve this target ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The yearwise achievement made in this regard by different States during Sixth Plan is given as under :—

STATEWISE TOTAL AREA UNDER HIGH YIELDING VARIETIES

(In Lakh ha.)

State		1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85 Anticipated Achievement
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pradesh	34.78	39.98	40.73	42.29	44.72
2.	Assam	6.89	9.98	10.60	11.15	11.76
3.	Bihar	32.80	37.00	38.75	45.00	50.00
4.	Gujarat	21.71	21.41	21.94	24.10	24.40
5.	Haryana	21.37	23.88	25.49	26.61	26.95
6.	Himachal Pradesh	4.14	4.45	4.47	4.60	4.88
7.	J & K	4.32	4.64	4.64	4.79	5.05
8.	Karnataka	17.06	19.50	18.79	20.67	20.80
9.	Kerala	3.96	4.31	4.65	2.00	2.20
10.	Madhya Pradesh	31.15	31.97	38.51	40.71	50.50
11.	Maharashtra	43.78	45.43	47.33	65.23	54.58
12.	Manipur	0.55	0.79	0.79	0.88	0.92
13.	Meghalaya	0.30	0.33	0.33	0.40	0.46
14.	Nagaland	0.16	0.19	0.21	0.22	0.24
15.	Orissa	13.45	13.98	18.24	16.07	18.20
16.	Punjab	40.13	42.49	44.36	46.78	48.85
17.	Rajasthan	19.07	22.23	25.59	28.91	25.53
18.	Sikkim	0.33	0.33	0.32	0.36	0.37
19.	Tamil Nadu	23.67	28.30	16.40	28.70	31.50
20.	Tripura	1.37	1.58	1.55	1.54	1.50
21.	Uttar Pradesh	88.45	89.92	90.32	101.45	106.35
22.	West Bengal	21.35	22.22	20.21	23.39	22.85
Total States		430.79	464.91	474.22	535.85	552.61

(c) It is envisaged to bring 70 million hectares of area under high yielding varieties of cereal by the end of 7th Plan period.

(d) The high yielding varieties programme is supported by Central Sector Schemes of (i) Establishment of Community Nurseries of Rice; (ii) Minikit demonstrations programme of Rice, Wheat and Coarse cereals; (iii) Maize demonstrations in tribal backward areas; (iv) Replacement of rust susceptible wheat varieties; and (v) State

level training of Extension Workers. A tentative allocation of Rs. 15.00 crores has been earmarked for implementing these schemes during 7th Plan period.

Improvement in Agricultural Financing System

4159. SHRI NITYANANDA MISHRA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :