

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACANDHRAN): (a) The total production of foodgrains in Kerala and Uttar Pradesh during the year 1991-92 was 10.90 lakh tonnes and 352.81 lakh tonnes respectively.

(b) to (d). For increasing foodgrains production in different State including Kerala and Uttar Pradesh, the Government of India is implementing various schemes viz. Integrated programme for Rice Development (IPRD); Special Foodgrains Production Programme (SEPP) - Wheat, Maize & Millets, and Pulses; National Pulses Development Programme (NPDP); etc. including Mini-kit Programme which are likely to continue during the entire 8th Plan period. Under these schemes, financial assistance is provided for various critical inputs like distribution of certified seeds herbicides, plant protection chemicals/ equipments, improved farm implements, conducting of field demonstrations, training to farmers, etc.

[English]

Agreement with Vietnam

2879. SHRICHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Memorandum of Undertaking on agriculture was signed with Vietnam in the recent past;

(b) if so, the salient features of the MOU; and

(c) the benefits likely to accrue to both the countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The MOU provides for mutual cooperation in agricultural research in the

fields of Crop Science, Animal Sciences, Basic Agricultural Sciences including Biotechnology.

(c) Both the countries will benefit from the results of the joint research programmes and from exchange of information and experts.

[Translation]

Bihar Backward Class Finance and Development Corporation

2880. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUHARY: SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have released the total 49 per cent contribution for assistance the Bihar State Backward Class Finance and Development Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the said contribution is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). No, Sir. There does not exist any scheme for providing financial assistance to State-level Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporations.

(c) and (d). Does not arise.

[English]

Cultural Complex, Janakpuri, Delhi

2881. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to construct cultural complex at Janakpuri, Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the construction work is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). A Cultural Complex has been proposed by DDA in the lay out plan of District Centre of Janakpuri, which includes auditorium, exhibition hall, coffee house, art gallery and conference halls.

(c) Construction can be taken up by DDA only after necessary funds and sanctions become available.

[*Translation*]

**Central Dry-Land Research Institute,
Jodhpur**

2882. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the achievements made by the Central Dryland Research Institute (Kajari), Jodhpur during the last two years;

(b) the benefit provided to the farmers in this area;

(c) whether this Institute has submitted several schemes to the Government for clearance; and

(d) if so, the response of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b). Sir, The Central Arid Zone Research Institute at Jodhpur has

developed technologies for the stabilization of sand dunes with vegetation, improved dryland technology for production of millets and pulses, improved dry land horticultural practices particularly with ber, promotion of multipurpose trees such as Khejri and utilization of solar energy for home and farm needs like solar heater and dryers. The improved production technologies developed by this Institute are being extending to the farming community through the desert development programme of GOI and other development programmes of the State Government.

(c) and (d). The following two projects have been submitted by the Institute which are under process for getting clearance from the related Ministries of the Government:-

- (i) UNEP assisted Regional Project on Strengthening of the Regional Network of Research & Training Centre on Desertification Control in Asia and Pacific (DESCONAP) to be implemented at CAZRI, Jodhpur.
- (ii) Management of Sandy soils in Arid and Semi-Arid Climates with FAO assistance.

[*English*]

Development of SCs/STs

2883. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:
SHRI N.J. RATHVA:
SHRI KALKA DAS:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken decision that the funds for the development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes will be allocated in proportionate of their population;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have made provision in the Annual Plan for allocating funds as per the aforesaid population criteria; and