

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the working conditions of the existing centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Ministry of Agriculture does not have any "Cattle Breeding Centre" in the State of Bihar. Accordingly the question does not arise.

Mitra Krishna Scheme

4769. SHRI JAGMEET SINGH BRAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to implement a Scheme on the concept of 'Mitra - Kisan' to promote agriculture in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the State selected for the implementation of the said Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RANCHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Identification and training of Mitra Kisan is a sub component of National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas for promoting participatory and accelerated planning and implantation. Promising village youth practicing farmers etc. are trained in basic principles of farming systems approach, crop production, livestock management and common property resources management.

(c) All the states are participating in National Watershed Development project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPARA)

Production and supply of HYV Seeds

4770. SHRIJAGAMEET SINGH BRAR SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated annual production and requirement of High Yielding Variety (HYV) seeds in the country?

(b) whether the production of High Yielding Variety (HYV) seeds is not sufficient to meet the internal requirements; and

(c) if so, the remedial measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). The estimated annual requirement and availability of high yielding varieties of seeds for the year 1991-92, as assessed in the Zonal Seeds Review Meeting was 59.85 lakh quintals and 57.33 lakh quintals respectively. The availability position has been generally satisfactory although certain shortages were reported by some States which were indicated to have been met locally.

(c) Efforts were made during the Zonal Seed Review meetings to arrange supply of seed through National Seeds Corporation (NSC) State Farms Corporation of India (SFCI) and organizations under other State Governments etc. to supplement the availability in States facing shortages.

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Cold Storage Plants

4771. SHRI P.M. SAYEED; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: