

(b) if so, the steps being taken to increase the sugarcane growing areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) Yes, Sir. However the production of sugar during 1984-85 is estimated to be higher than last year.

(b) It is the endeavour of the Government to increase the production of sugarcane mainly by increasing the productivity. However, it is envisaged to increase the area under sugarcane marginally in potential tracts during the 7th Plan period.

Implementation of Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1982

3199. SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the provisions of the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1982 amending the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 have been brought into force; and

(b) if not, the reasons for not bringing into force the said provisions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Sections 2(c), 7 and 22 of the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1982 have not been brought into force for the reasons given below :

(i) *Section 2 (c)* In view of the suggestions and view-points of the various interests concerned, the matter calls review.

(ii) *Sections 7 and 22* The rules for setting up of Grievance Settlement Authority have not been finalised.

Virus Diseases in rice variety NLR-9674 in Andhra Pradesh

3200. SHRI C. SAMBU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the rice variety NLR-9674 raised in Addanki, Mortur, Parchir, Chirala Taluks of Andhra Pradesh was affected by virus diseases viz Tungro-Virus and the produce for the year 1984-85 has been only less than 10 quintals per hectare;

(b) if so, remedial measures taken for supply of rice seed in place of NLR-9674 for 1985-86 by agricultural research department; and

(c) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) Variety NLR 9674 was affected by Tungro-Virus in these taluks during 1984-85. In Tungro-Virus affected fields, yield was reduced to 10 to 15 quintals per hectare.

(b) and (c) Rice variety NLR-5293 which is resistant to the Virus is being propagated in place of NLR 9674. Other resistant/tolerant varieties like IR-20, Ratna, Mashuri, etc., are already popular in Andhra Pradesh. Efforts are being made to evolve high potential varieties resistant to Tungro-Virus disease.

Price Control Measures

3201. SHRI R.P. DAS : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have since declared its stern price control measures which include arrest of blackmarketeers and profiteers under the National Security Act;

(b) if so, the details of the action initiated under the said measures including details of arrests made since then; and