

(c) whether any further incentive is proposed to be given in this regard during the Seventh Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has encouraged the utilisation of fertilisers by the farmers during the Sixth Five Year Plan. Fertiliser consumption has gone up from a level of 52.56 lakh tonnes in 1979-80 to 82.11 lakh tonnes in 1984-85 the terminal year of the Sixth Five Year Plan.

(b) The Statewise Fertiliser Consumption during the Sixth Five Year Plan and subsidy paid to various indigenous units during the last five years are given in statements I and II laid on the table of the House.

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(c) The efforts of the Government will continue to promote the use of fertilisers during the Seventh Five Year Plan also.

Application of Bio-technology in evolving HYV of seeds of crops

8732. SHRIMATI N. P. JHANSI LAKSHMI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the extent of success achieved in the application of 'Bio-Technology' in the field of evolving High Yielding Varieties (HYV) of seeds of major field crops ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : Bio-technology being a new field and still in its infancy in our country, it is too early to expect a break-through of great practical significance. However, techniques for propagation/multiplication through tissue culture and re-generation through anther/callus have been standardized for application of bio-technology to improve field crops of economic importance.

Financial assistance to Orissa Maritime and Chilika Area Development Corporation Ltd. for brackish water prawn culture

8733. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to provide financial assistance to Orissa Maritime and Chilika Area Development Corporation Ltd. to implement brackish water prawn culture scheme;

(b) if so, since when and the details of Central assistance given to the Corporation so far;

(c) whether there is a proposal to increase the allocation of the Corporation in 1986-87 to implement brackish water prawn culture scheme; and

(d) if so, the details of the allocation proposed to be made in 1986-87 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The Central grant in aid as per the pattern of assistance applicable to the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the implementation of Brackish Water Prawn Culture Project by Orissa Maritime and Chilika Area Development Corporation Ltd. is being made available to the Government of Orissa.

(b) The projects sanctioned in March 1985. An amount of Rs. 24.25 lakhs was released to the Government of Orissa in March, 1985.

(c) and (d). The amount release already has not yet been utilised by the Government of Orissa. Further release of Central grant in aid will be considered only after utilisation of the grant already released and after a matching contribution by the Government of Orissa.

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8734. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state ;