

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) The Union Minister of State for Urban Development visited Napur during the first week of June, 1986.

(b) The Scheme of Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums is in the State sector and appropriate projects are formulated and implemented by the State Governments out of their Annual Plan provisions. During 1986-87, Rs. 8.80 crores have been allocated to the State as a whole under the Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums Scheme.

Results of Green Revolution

2558. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Green Revolution has shown dramatic results in improved yields of wheat and other crops in North and North-West regions;

(b) the reasons for which the same results are not seen in other parts of the country; and

(c) the steps taken in this respect and the results thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The achievement is more pronounced in these regions as compared to others because of increased adoption of new technology by majority of the farmers which *inter-alia* includes increasing coverage of area under high yielding varieties, balanced and adequate application of fertilisers, efficient water management, adoption of need based plant protection measures etc. under assured rainfall and irrigated conditions

(c) In order to step up the production and productivity of crops in other regions, special measures have been undertaken, which *inter-alia* include special rice production programme in the Eastern States, Small and Marginal Farmers Programme, national dryland farming programme, national pulses

development programme etc. These measures are expected to give desired results by the end of the Seventh Plan.

Demand and Availability of Ferro-Chrome

2559. SHRI BHATTAM SRI RAMA-MURTY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have appointed a committee to assess the demand and availability of Ferrochrome ;

(b) if so, its composition, terms of reference and time frame; and

(c) whether there is low off take of the Ferro-alloys and the industry is working only at 50 per cent of the installed capacity, if so, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A copy each of Department of Steel's letters No. 1 (9)/87-IL, dated the 18th March and 9th April, 1986 constituting the Committee and indicating its terms of reference is laid on the table of the House.

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The Committee co-opted a representative of the Indian Ferro Alloys Producers' Association, Bombay, as its member.

The report of the Committee has been received.

(c) The low off take of ferro alloys has not come to the notice of the Government. The capacity utilisation during 1985-86 of the units which reported their production to the Iron and Steel Controller, however, was approximately 69% of their licensed capacity.

Ammonia Urea Plant of FACT Udyogamandal, Kerala

2560. PROF. K.V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated cost of the modernisation/revamping schemes of Ammonia Urea Plant of FACT, Udyogamandal, Kerala;