

which are 2-wheel tractors are also available.

(d) Yes, Sir. Indian Council of Agricultural Research have provided substantial funds for the development of improved implements covering seedbed preparation, sowing and harvesting etc.

Dryland farming in States

406. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the States where dryland farming was taken up during Sixth Plan;

(b) whether Government have reviewed the dryland farming programme undertaken in different States; and

(c) if so, the details of success achieved in implementing the programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) During the Sixth Plan a number of State Sector and Central and Centrally Sponsored Dryland Farming Schemes were taken up in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and West Bengal.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Under these schemes comprehensive watershed development programmes have been undertaken over large areas.

[Translation]

Migration of rural people to big cities

407. DR. PRABHAT KUMAR MISHRA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether rural people are migrating in large numbers and settling in big cities like Delhi; and

(b) if so, the pace of this exodus and the steps being taken by Government to check it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) The overall growth of urban population in India during 1971-81 has been 38.6%. Class-I cities have grown 4.6% and Class-II cities 4.2%. The increase in numbers has been from 107 million to 160 million people. Whereas about 60% of the growth is due to natural factors, around 40% is due to migration.

Following steps are being taken to check migration :—

- (i) Accelerate rural development and by providing more jobs in the rural sector.
- (ii) Development of small and medium towns to arrest exodus of people to big cities.
- (iii) Providing better quality of life and civic amenities in the rural areas.

[English]

Construction of rural godowns

408. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Committee appointed in 1983 by his Ministry found that farmers were not coming forward to use the rural godowns due to ignorance, smallness of their produce and cumbersome procedures involved, resulting in slow progress of construction of rural godowns;

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to educate the small and marginal farmers to use this facility and to make the procedures less cumbersome; and

(c) the number of rural godowns,