

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) No, Sir. However, a recommendation was made that both India and Netherlands may test each others cultivars in their respective countries and exchange information.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Orissa's request for special fund to provide water to drought hit areas**

417. SHRI SOMNATH RATH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Orissa Government have asked for special funds for supply of drinking water in drought-hit areas; and

(b) if so, the amount demanded and sanctioned by Central Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Crop Insurance Scheme**

418. SHRI SUBHASH YADAV :  
SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK :  
SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government for the extension of Crop Insurance Scheme to all the crops grown in the country;

(b) whether this scheme has not been extended in the dryland areas of the country;

(c) areas which have not been covered so far;

(d) the time by which Crop Insurance Scheme will be extended to all the crops grown in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme being implemented in the country from Kharif, 1985 is applicable to all the areas including dryland areas which have been notified for the purpose of Crop Insurance by the States/ U.Ts. which are implementing the Scheme.

(d) There is no proposal at present, to include all crops grown in the country for coverage under the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme.

**Houses to poor in disaster prone areas by HUDCO**

419. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL :  
SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) intends to provide safe houses to the poor in disaster-prone areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted to locate disaster-prone areas in the country; if so, the details thereof;

(d) the names of the States in which disaster-prone areas have been earmarked;

(e) the steps taken by Government to implement the scheme in those areas; and

(f) the total cost likely to be incurred in constructing safe houses ?