

(d) the targets laid down for the purpose in the Seventh Five Year Plan ; and

(e) the amount allocated for the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) In 1983-84, a programme of free distribution of minikits of seeds and fertilizers for oilseeds and pulses production to the small and marginal farmers was launched under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers for Increasing Agricultural Production in all the States including Bihar.

(b) Against the target of 4.70 lakh minikits the actual achievement as reported by the Bihar Government was 2.83 lakh during the Sixth Plan period.

(c) The reasons for shortfall as reported by the State Government are :

(i) Late start of the programme during 1983-84.

(ii) Non-availability of certified seeds.

(d) The proposed annual target under this scheme for distribution of minikits of seeds of oilseeds, pulses and coarse-grains is 400 in each block during the Seventh Plan.

(e) Under this scheme an annual outlay of Rs. 0.50 lakh per block has been earmarked for distribution of minikits of seeds of oilseeds, pulses and coarse-grains. This will be equally shared between the State Government and the Government of India.

#### Casualty due to sun-stroke

1412. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether this year sun heat has broken all the previous records of this decade ;

(b) if so, the number of persons who died as a result of sun-stroke, State-wise ;

(c) the number of persons admitted in the hospitals in the country, State-wise, whose lives were saved ; and

(d) the details of guideline issued/expected to be issued by Government for general information of the public in this respect ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House, on receipt.

#### Holding of 'inputs fortnight' to educate farmers to increase agricultural production

1413. SHRI V. TULSI RAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have issued guidelines to the State Governments to hold 'input fortnights' in the States to educate the farmers about various aspects of new agricultural technology ;

(b) if so, the details of such guidelines ;

(c) the expected benefits that will be extended to the farmers and the extent to which such meetings will improve the agricultural production in the country ; and

(d) the financial and other assistance that will be provided to the States to make the scheme a success ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In May, 1986 the State Governments were requested to organise inputs fortnight in the months of June/July, 1986 during the Khariff season. They were

requested that these fortnights should be observed in every block in the State and if possible even at sub-block levels by organising gatherings of farmers (Kisan Melas) where the concerned Departments/Organisations dealing with inputs could explain various activities being taken up by them to support agricultural operations. They were also requested that there should also be a display of good quality inputs like seeds, fertilisers, pesticides, agricultural implements and literature, charts and pictures etc., for the information of the farmers. They were also advised that the representatives of the cooperative institutions including cooperative and commercial banks should also be requested to participate in these fortnights and farmers should be encouraged to raise issues and seek clarifications regarding various difficulties being faced by them for obtaining credit, inputs etc. It was suggested to the State Governments that ideally about 75% of the time should be utilised for such question-answer sessions.

(c) The purpose of these fortnights is normally to bring to the notice of the farmers various aspects of the new technology evolved in the field of agriculture and also to make them aware about the arrangements made by the various Departments for providing the required inputs like seeds, fertilizers, credit and agricultural implements etc. It is expected that observance of these fortnights would succeed in promoting the awareness among the farmers about the various services being made available to them. The increased utilisation of these facilities by the increasing number of farmers would go a long way in increasing the agricultural production in the country.

(d) No financial assistance is being extended to the State Governments for the observance of these fortnights. However, the Government of India has clearly indicated its willingness to provide any type of guidance for making these fortnights a success.

#### **Internal Grievance Management system in Industry**

1414. SHRI V. TULSIRAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state ;

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to set up a well defined internal grievance management system in the industry for quick justice ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such system expected to be set up in the country ; and

(c) the suggestions which are under consideration to make workers participation in management a successful one ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Section 9-C of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 which has provisions for setting up a Grievance Settlement Authority by an employer has not been enforced. A meeting to consider the draft rules for setting up a Grievance Settlement Authority was convened on 4th September, 1984, at which it was decided inter-alia that it would be advantageous to study the functioning of the existing Grievance Redressal Mechanism about which the National Labour Institute would undertake a study and hold a seminar. The seminar was held on 19th-20th June, 1986.

(c) The suggestions which have been made to secure greater participation of workers and management include periodical review of the implementation of the Scheme in undertakings by the administrative Ministries/Departments, joint training for the 'managers' and 'workers', evaluation studies in certain undertakings; etc.

#### **Setting up of Balco's Bauxite mining Project in Orissa**

1415. PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether tribals have been strongly resisting setting up of public sector BALCO's bauxite mining project in Sambalpur district of Orissa ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) the estimated number of people likely to be affected by the setting up of the project ; and