

(b) and (c). The Indian Bureau of Mines regularly undertake inspection study of mica mines. Mines owners are also given advice for exploration and systematic development of their mines.

Extension of Crop Insurance Scheme in States

1873. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the States to which Crop Insurance Scheme has been extended so far; and

(b) the States likely to be covered during 1986-87 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Sixteen State Governments and four Union Territories, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, J and K, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and A and N. Islands, Delhi, Goa, Daman and Diue and Pondicherry have so far adopted the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme.

(b) State Government of Meghalaya, and Union Territory of Dadra, Nagar and Haveli have decided to implement the scheme from Rabi 1986-87 season.

Hardship to Migrant Agricultural Labour

1874. DR. SUDHIR ROY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that migrant agricultural labourers have to suffer much as they do not get proper wages, suitable accommodation and timely payment; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to improve their lot ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A.

SANGMA) : (a) and (b). The "appropriate government" in respect of migrant agricultural workers under the Inter-State Migrant workman (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979 are the State Governments. Whenever complaints are received about exploitation of inter-state migrant workers including agricultural labourers or of violation of the provisions of the Act, the same are brought to the notice of appropriate governments for taking necessary action.

Import of Newsprint

1875. SHRI JAGANNATH PATTNAIK : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to import large quantity of newsprint to take advantage of the easy prices of newsprint in the international market; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A.K. PANJA) : (a) and (b). The Newsprint Allocation Policy is based on the principle of self-reliance. Newsprint is accordingly imported only to the extent the requirement cannot be met through indigenous production.

Serials Based on Prominent Religious and Social Books

1876. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 148 on 28 July, 1986 regarding serials based on prominent religious and social books and state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the criticism of TV serials based on religious texts as being against the spirit of secularism and as amounting to propagation of the religious ethos of a particular community through the use of official mass media; and

(b) whether any other serials based on any other religious texts are under consi-