

(c) whether due to scarcity of water in K.C. Canal the production of paddy has fallen further in the Rayalaseema region also; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Union Government to make up this deficit in production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). According to the Memorandum submitted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, an area of 6.73 lakh hectares under paddy crop (3.86 lakh hectares completely and 2.87 lakh hectares partially) has been damaged in the State due to floods in August, 1986. The quantum of loss suffered in paddy production due to these floods can be assessed after the final estimates become available from the State Government.

(c) Rayalaseema Region contributes only about 3 lakh tonnes of rice to the State Kharif production. As such, scarcity of water in K.C. Canal, if any, is not likely to affect the paddy production in State significantly.

(d) Recent rains in the State have facilitated the sowing of second paddy crop. Besides, the following measures are being taken to augment the rice production in the State :

- (i) Area under rabi rice is being increased.
- (ii) Additional quantities of seed of early paddy varieties have been arranged.
- (iii) Irrigation system is being streamlined.
- (iv) On the recommendations of the High Level Committee on Relief, a ceiling of expenditure of Rs. 132.37 crores has been approved for flood relief to the Government of Andhra Pradesh. This includes Rs. 2.01 crores as inputs subsidy for seeds and fertilisers to the farmers in the flood affected areas.

Report of Survey on Manpower

1955. **SHRI RAHIM KHAN :** Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of surveys on manpower conducted by the Employment Wing of the Ministry between 1983 to 1985;

(b) how much expenditure and man-months were involved on a survey known as 'Hard Core of Job-seekers' conducted during 1979-80; and

(c) when the report of this survey was released and what its main findings ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) Nine surveys were undertaken during 1983-85.

(b) One officer with three supporting staff were provided for the survey. According to available information a sum of Rs. 14,000 was incurred in the year 1979-80.

(c) As the finding of the survey were of general nature, it was decided not to publish any report on the survey. However, the main findings were : long term unemployment was due to poor educational attainment of job-seekers and non possession of work experience required by employers; preference for government employment; lack of mobility and dependance on wage employment.

Shifting of Office of JARI, Barrackpore

1956. **SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to shift the Jute Agricultural Research Institute from Barrackpore to some other place outside West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

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

(b) Does not arise.