

(a) whether the spray of insecticides on crops and green vegetables has a pollution effect in fruits, vegetables and other food articles;

(b) if so, whether people have fallen victim of various diseases due to consumption of these polluted fruits and vegetables; and

(c) if so, the remedial steps being taken by Union by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) (a) Spray of insecticides in agriculture in prescribed dosages and done as per the directions, has no pollution effect on fruits, vegetables and other food articles.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

[English]

Damage of sugarcane crop by Pyrilla

269. SHRI AKHTAR HASAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether sugarcane crop is being badly damaged by 'Pyrilla' in Western Uttar Pradesh and other parts of the country;

(b) whether Central help was sought in this regard; and

(c) if so, the nature of the help rendered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Incidence of pyrilla in varying degrees has been noticed in in Uttar Pradesh and other parts of the country. However, the pest is under control.

(b) and (c) On request from the Government of Uttar Pradesh, joint surveys of py.illa infested sugarcane areas in Uttar Pradesh were conducted from

April to September, 1987, to assess pyrilla incidence and control potential of natural enemies. Joint surveys were conducted in Punjab, Haryana, Bihar and Rajasthan States. The results of these surveys were discussed in the review meetings held on April 29, 1987, June 26, 1987, July 29, 1987 and September 25, 1987. Integrated Pyrilla Pest Management Strategy finalised in the first review meeting was adopted by the States which helped control of pyrilla incidence due to timely ground chemical spraying and dusting operations up to July 15, 1987 as well as conservation and augmentation of potential parasites with the onset of monsoon rains.

[Translation]

Starvation deaths in Orissa

270. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA :
SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :
SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU :
SHRI SAMBHAJIRAO KAKADE :
DR CHINTA MOHAN :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of starvation deaths took place in various parts of Orissa due to unprecedented drought;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action contemplated by Union Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) No report of deaths due to starvation has been received from the Government of Orissa.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[English]

Setting up of T.V. transmitters in 1988

271. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the places where T.V. transmitters are proposed to be set up in 1988 ?