

FAO aid for oilseeds

309. DR. V. VENKATESH :
SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE
PATIL :
SHRI BHADRESHWAR
TANTI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government have entered into any agreement with the United Nation's Food and Agricultural Organisation about preparatory assistance for oilseeds production ;

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the agreement ; and

(c) whether the assistance would be adequate to meet the demand of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A project Document entitled 'Preparatory Assistance for Oilseeds production' was signed between the Government of India and the FAO on 3-9-87 under which the FAO has agreed to provide an assistance in the form of consultancy. The objective of the assistance is to seek expertise for the purpose of developing large scale project proposals for developing oilseed production in the country.

(c) FAO assistance is preliminary in nature for exploring the possibility of larger project assistance in the field of oilseeds development.

International meet on cooperatives

310. DR. V. VENKATESH :
SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE
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TANTI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a meeting of the regional council of International Cooperative

Alliance was held in Delhi in September, 1987.

(b) if so, the subjects discussed in the meeting ; and

(c) the follow-up action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c) The International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) is an international association of cooperative movements of various countries with headquarters in Geneva (Switzerland). Eight national level cooperative organisations of the Indian Cooperative Movement are the members of the ICA. The National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) is the coordinating body of the member organisations from India. One of the three regional offices of the ICA is for the Asian Region ; and it is located in New Delhi. A regional Council to advise the ICA Regional Office has been constituted by the ICA. The member countries associated with the Regional Office and the Regional Council are Australia, Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, North Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

2. The last meeting, 29th in the series, of the Regional Council was held in New Delhi on 8th and 9th September, 1987, at the invitation of the National Cooperative Union of India, the host organisation. The meeting had the following agenda for consideration :—

1. Election of the Chairman.
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 28th Meeting.
3. Matters arising out of the Minutes.
4. Letters and Reports from non-attending members.
5. Report by Regional Councillors on "Recent Changes, Trends and Developments in their Cooperative Movements".

6. Report on the activities of the Specialised Sub-Committees.

7. Report on Regional Office Activities 1986-87.

8. Report on IDACA Activities.

9. Regional Development Fund and Members' Contributions.

10. Cooperative Data Bank.

11. Change of Nomenclature of the Regional Office.

12. "Hall of Honour".

13. Relations with International Organisations.

14. Venue and Date of the next Meeting.

3. ICA is a non-governmental organisation and the Government has no representation either in its membership or on the Regional Council. As such, the Government is not invited to participate in the deliberations of the business sessions of the Regional Council.

4. The minutes of the meeting containing the decisions taken are sent to the member organisations and not to the Government. The follow up action thereon is to be initiated and taken by the ICA Regional Office and the member organisations.

T.V. Serial "RAMAYANA"

311. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER :
SHRI PRATAP RAO
B. BHOSALE :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of episodes in TV serial Ramayana ;

(b) the number of episodes of Ramayana telecast so far ;

(c) the present duration of telecast of this serial ; and

(d) whether Government propose to increase the duration of this serial ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A.K. PANJA):
(a) 52

(b) 39th episode was telecast on 1-11-1987.

(c) Each episode is telecast in a 25 minutes slot.

(d) No, Sir.

Telecast of TV Serial 'Mahabhart'

312. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER :
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any serial 'Mahabhart' has been produced ; and

(b) if so, when it will be telecast ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A.K. PANJA):
(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Prospects of Rabi crops

313. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU :
SHRI SOMNATH RATH :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the late rains in many States have improved rabi prospects ;

(b) If so, to what extent the delayed rains have improved the Kharif prospects ;

(c) the measures taken to derive the maximum benefits from the late rains to improve the prospects of rabi crop ; and

(d) the assistance provided to the farmers affected by the Kharif crop failure ?

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