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(b) whether the soyabean growers in the country are facing some problem;

(c) whether they are not getting good quality seeds;

(d) if so, the steps taken to ensure the supply of good quality seeds for the farmers; and

(e) the details of the total and additional hectares of land proposed to be brought under soyabean cultivation by the end of Seventh Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The soyabean growers have faced some problems regarding the ready availability of quality seed due to the unprecedented successive droughts. Concerted efforts are being made to produce and supply quality seed under the National Oilseed Development Project and Oilseed Production Thrust Project schemes.

(c) It was proposed to increase area under soybean from 10 lakh Ha. to 15 lakh Ha. by the end of 7th Plan. However, looking at the present trend of area expansion, it may cross 16 lakh Ha.

Renovation of Red Fort

3258. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for the renovation of the Red Fort;

(b) the total estimated cost of the project;

(c) particulars of the major renovation or re-construction works undertaken;

(d) when the renovation project is likely to be completed;

(e) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the report in the press about alteration in the design and architectural plan of the Fort;

(f) whether the proposal to shift military barracks and establishments from the Fort has been considered by Government; and

(g) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) The steps taken by the Archaeological Survey of India for the conservation of Red Fort include architectural stabilization, underpinning, pointing, plastering of structures, restoration and replacement of missing and decayed material employed in construction besides application of preservatives to the monuments as and when necessary.

(b) and (c). Estimated cost of the conservation programme under implementation is Rs. 27,97,000/-. The main items of work comprise pointing, replacement of decayed and missing stones used in the construction including repairs and restoration of railing and screens, etc.

(d) The work is likely to be completed by the end of 1990.

(e) No alteration in the design and architectural plan of the fort has been made.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) The programme of vacation of barracks by the occupants is to be implemented in a phased manner and the concerned Department has already handed over south-eastern part of the fortification wall and Delhi Gate Complex.