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* — RLEGP, of which Indira Awas Yojana is a sub-scheme not being implemented in the UT of Chandigarh, since 1987-88.

Committee on Panchayati Raj System

2885. SHRI SYED SAHABUDDIN: SHRIK, PRADHANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the composition of the Committee set up by Government to suggest ways and means to strengthen the Panchayati Raj System; FIRST COLD OF THE

(b) the term of reference of the Committee;

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- (c) whether the Committee shall undertake public hearing; and
- (d) the target date for the Committee to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOP-MENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICUL-

TURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) No such Committee has been constituted by this Department.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

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Primary Schools under Border Area **Development Programme**

2886. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE **DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new primary schools proposed to be opened during 1988-89 and 1989-90 under Border Area Education Development Programme;
- (b) whether Barmer and Jaisalmer districts of Rajasthan are the most backward districts from education point of view and there is immediate need of opening more primary schools in these districts; and
- (c) if so, the time by which new primary schools will be opened there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) Administrative sanctions have so far been accorded for opening 6 new Primary Schools in Gujarat, 67 in Jammu and Kashmir and 396 in Rajasthan under the Border Area Development (Education) Programme.

(b) and (c). The rate of literacy in Barmer and Jaisalmer districts of Rajasthan is very low.

According to the programme of Action formulated for implementation of National Policy on Education, 1986, all habitations with a population of 300 (200 in the case of tribal, hilly and desert areas) will be provided a primary school within the Seventh Plan. The State Government of Rajasthan reported that there are 294 villages without primary schools in 13 Panchayat Samitis of four border districts of Barmer, Jaisalmer, Bikaner and Sri Ganganagar with population of more than 300, and 102 villages with population of 250-300 without primary schools. Opening of 396 primary schools for these habitations has been approved. The State Government is making efforts to start schools as early as possible.

[English]

MARCH 16, 1989

Central Assistance to Promote Export of Alfanso Mangoes

2887. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Alfanso Mangoes, grown in the Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri district of the Konkan region of Maharashtra is one of the best quality mangoes which are very much in demand:
- (b) whether because of new levies on mangoes by the State the sale of mangoes is likely to suffer; and
- (c) if so, whether some central assistance is proposed to be offered to offset these levies so as to accelerate indigenous consumption as well as export of mangoes?

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

- (b) No new levies are imposed.
- (c) Does not arise.