

### Rajasthan Desert

4720. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) steps adopted by the Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI) at Jodhpur in checkmating the growth of desert;

(b) whether Government is satisfied by the work done by CAZRI and if not, what is proposed to derive best out of it; and

(c) whether Rajasthan Government also set up agencies to help reclaim desert, and if so, whether it is not duplication of work?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) The research conducted at the Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur does not support the opinion that Rajasthan desert is spreading.

The Central Arid Zone Research Institute has evolved several improved techniques aimed at the development of desert areas and in the amelioration of living conditions of the people. These specifically relate to better crop production, range and pasture improvement, sand dune stabilisation, afforestation and rodent control, solar energy utilisation, etc. The transfer of these technologies to rural areas is being attempted through an Operational Research Project initiated by the Institute.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Under the Rajasthan Government, work is being done by two agencies viz, the Desert Development Commission and the Drought Prone Areas Programme. These two organisations are developmental in nature and use the data obtained through research conducted by Central Arid Zone Research Institute and State Departments. Close coordination among these institutions is maintained to avoid duplication of efforts.

### Scheme for providing Interim Employment to Graduates

4721. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any States have drawn up scheme to provide interim employment to graduate youth during 1976-77;

(b) whether Central Government has extended its financial assistance to the State Governments for that scheme and if so, to what extent; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Central Government to coordinate the activities of the Students Welfare Boards, Youth Services Boards and the National Service Scheme in various States?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) and (b). Some States have schemes for utilisation of the services of graduate youth on payment of an honorarium/stipend for social service and various nation-building activities. The Central Government do not give any financial assistance for implementation of those schemes.

(c) Coordination of the different youth programmes in the States is the responsibility of State Governments concerned.

### राज्यों में हिन्दी का स्थान

4722. श्री श्याम सुन्दर सोयानी : क्या शिक्षा, समाज कल्याण और संस्कृति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में त्रिभाषी सूत्र के अन्तर्गत प्रत्येक राज्य में हिन्दी को क्या स्थान दिया गया है तथा हिन्दी भाषा पढ़ने वाले विद्यार्थियों की राज्यवार संख्या कितनी है; और

(ख) ऐसे स्नातकों की राज्यवार संख्या कितनी है जिन्होंने एञ्चिक विषय के रूप