

Fertilizers rendered useless in Orissa

9445. SHRI YADVENDRA DUTT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether over 33,000 tons of fertilizers valued at Rs. 3.5 crores have been rendered useless in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and the action proposed by the Government so that in future such incidents do not happen?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) and (b). The information regarding deterioration of 33,000 tons of fertilizers in Orissa has been called for from the State Government. Their reply is still awaited. On receipt of the reply, the information would be placed on the Table of the House.

Supply of Sona Fertilizers to West Bengal

9446. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sona Fertilizer is not supplied to West Bengal by the Rourkela Steel Plant; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and steps Government propose to supply Sona Fertilizer to West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) "Sona" (CAN) Fertilizer is supplied to West Bengal also by the Rourkela Steel Plant. During Kharif 1978, West Bengal has been allotted 12,000 tonnes of Sona (CAN) Fertiliser from this Plant. During the months of February and March, 1978, 4156 tonnes of "Sona" was supplied to West Bengal from this Plant.

(b) The question does not arise.

Report from Planning Forums set up in Colleges and Universities

9447. PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the Planning Forums set up in various Colleges and Universities have still been functioning;

(b) if so, broad details of the nature of their work and concrete contribution;

(c) whether the Planning Commission receives any periodic or regular reports from the said Planning Forums; and

(d) if so, what kind of consideration is given to them by the Planning Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (SHRI DHANNA SINGH GULSHAN): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) With a view to creating an awareness for the need for planned development of the country among the student community, Planning Forums organise talks/discussions on popular planning topics, celebrate plan weeks, conduct socio-economic surveys in development projects and conduct research studies on economic and planning matters. Some Planning Forums also hold seminars/conferences on matters relating to planning and economic development.

(c) and (d). The Planning Commission does not receive any periodic or regular reports from the Planning Forums. However, reports on the activities of Planning Forums are sent to the State Governments who take such action as is necessary.