

1976-77 to 1978-79 under these schemes:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Grant released
1976-77	163.28
1977-78	737.59
1978-79	920.31

In addition to the above amounts, the State Governments have also contributed their share towards implementation of these schemes.

(c) As a result of implementation of these schemes, plantations over 1765 ha. and 105 RKMs. were raised under the scheme of Mixed Plantations on waste lands, and over 13100 ha. and 1250 RKMs under the scheme of Reforestation of degraded forests during 1976-77.

During 1977-78, plantations were proposed to be raised over 17,600 ha. under the scheme of Mixed Plantations on waste lands and 43,800 ha. and 5400 RKMs under the scheme of Reforestation of degraded forests.

During 1978-79, the plantations were proposed to be raised over 36,630 ha. and 300 RKMs under the scheme of Mixed Plantations and 84,000 ha. and 37,000 RKMs under the scheme of Reforestation of degraded forests.

Suggestions about Postal Activities

7007. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any letter from Dr. V. S. Kelkar of Sangola (Maharashtra) in the first fortnight of February 1979 making various suggestions about postal activities;

(b) if so, what are his suggestions; and

(c) what action has been taken by the Government so far or proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHL DEV SAI): (a) No such letter appears to have been received.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

दिल्ली में "कीट नाशक और ग्रामीण समृद्धि के लिये" पर हुई गोष्ठी।

7008. श्री बया राम शास्त्री :

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :

क्या कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या 12 फरवरी, 1979 को राजधानी में "कीट नाशक और ग्रामीण समृद्धि के लिये" गोष्ठी हुई थी ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उसमें किन विषयों पर विचार हुआ तथा निष्कर्षों को कार्यक्रम देने के लिये क्या एदम उठाये गये हैं ?

कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्री (श्री सुरजीत सिंह बरनाला): (क) और (ख) भारतीय कृमिनाशी औषधि संघ ने "ग्रामीण समृद्धि के लिये कृमिनाशी औषधियाँ" विषय पर 12 और 13 फरवरी, 1979 को एक सेमिनार आयोजित किया था। उसमें निम्नांकित विषयों पर विचार-विमर्श किया गया :-

- (1) कृमिनाशी औषधियों के अधिक उपयोग द्वारा कृषि उत्पादन।
- (2) वनस्पति रक्षण में विज्ञान एवं सहकारी एजेंसियों का योगदान।
- (3) कृमिनाशी औषधियों के उपयोग में शिक्षा एवं विस्तार कार्यों का योगदान।

- (4) ग्रामीण स्वास्थ्य एवं समृद्धि के लिए कृषिनाशी शोधधारा।
- (5) कृषिनाशी शोधधारा की उपलब्धि के लिए प्रक्रिया को सुगमवाही बनाना। तथापि, सेमिनार के निर्णय और अभी संघ से प्राप्त होनी हैं।

Food for Work Programme in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

7009. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a continuous demand has been received by the Government for implementing "food for work" scheme in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and if so, what action Government contemplated to take;

(b) whether Government had received any proposal from the Administration of Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands; and

(c) if so, action taken thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) No demand has so far been received for implementation of Food for Work Programme in Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Island in fact, the Andaman and Nicobar Administration have regretted their inability to implement the scheme when the matter was taken up with them in October, 1978.

(b) Not yet.

(c) Question does not arise.

Delay in Allotment of Land to Registered Societies

7010. SHRI S. S. LAL: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of housing societies which have not been able to get land allotted to them for the last

five years or more in the Capital even though those are registered societies;

(b) the reasons for not giving them any suitable land so far; and

(c) when it is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Expenditure on Adult Education in States

7011. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred so far on the implementation of the adult education scheme in the country, State-wise; and

(b) what are the achievements in each State as on 31st March, 1979?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Sale of Potato and Sugarcane at Low Price in U.P.

7012. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the failure of the Government to lift potato and sugarcane surplus in U.P. the commodities are selling at the lowest or are just being wasted for want of proper market;

(b) if so, the reasons for this negligence on the part of the concerned authorities and Government agencies to come to the rescue of the farmers; and