

Rural resource corps

7193 SHRI R K MHALGI Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have decided to set up a Rural Resource Corps as recommended by the Jain Committee

(b) when this scheme is proposed to start and its financial implication, and

(c) the salient features of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH) (a) Yes Sir The Rural Resource Corps will be an integral part of the proposed National Centre for the Coordination of Research and Transfer of Rural Technology

(b) The proposal is submitted to the Planning Commission for their concurrence. The scheme will be implemented after the proposal is approved by the Government of India. The budget provision for the Rural Resource Corps in the scheme is 1.74 crores for Sixth Five Year Plan.

(c) There is need for providing organised opportunities for canalising the genuine upsurge of interest and enthusiasm among young professionals who are interested in making a specific contribution to rural development. It is hence proposed to initiate a Rural Resource Corps.

The Rural Resource Corps will be drawn from among young professionals who have volunteered to work in the field of rural development for a minimum period of 2 to 3 years. These volunteers will not receive a regular salary, but instead will be paid a consolidated fellowship that will equate them with the post-graduate fellow in a university. They will function as professional interns and will work under supervision in completing clearly defined assignments. They will re-

ceive credit for this period spent in rural development at the point when they begin their regular professional careers. It is assumed that this period of service will help them in acquiring both professional maturity and competence and a greater insight and sympathy in understanding the realities of life in rural communities.

The volunteers of the Rural Resource Corps will be thoroughly trained before putting them on the job. The volunteers will be provided a fellowship of Rs 500 p.m. with a nominal travelling and contingent of Rs 250 per person per month.

Shortage of storing capacity for foodgrains

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that all over the country and especially in the surplus states there is an acute shortage of storing capacity for the foodgrains and the position may worsen in the coming rabi season,

(b) what is the total latest estimates of production of foodgrains and the available capacity to store the surpluses, and

(c) if reply to part (a) is in affirmative what immediate and positive steps are proposed to be taken to save the foodgrains from damage due to exposure and rain etc., as an improvement over the past years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH) (a) and (c) Adequate facilities for storage of foodgrains procured by Government exist. The pressure on storage capacity is, however, felt during peak procurement season, for which appropriate measures are taken. To avoid damage to grains, additional scientific capacity is being built, space is being hired from private parties under ARDC assisted scheme, appro-

private preservation, maintenance and security measures are being taken.

(b) The final estimated production of foodgrains for 1977-78 is 125.8 million tonnes. Information about 1978-79 is being compiled but overall foodgrain production of 1978-79 is likely to exceed the 1977-78 level.

The Food Corporation procures foodgrains as a price support operation. For storage of procured stocks, it has a total capacity of 21.93 million tonnes. Besides, procurement is also done by the state agencies, who provide storage for the same till the stocks are taken over by the Food Corporation of India.

Pay scale of Drawing Teachers

7195. SHRI S. S. LAL:
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Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that the pay scales of the Drawing Teachers' in Delhi, when promoted from grade III to grade II, have been revised from Rs. 425—640 to Rs. 440—750 vide letter No. A-11014/26/76-UT-1/Sch. 6 dated 27-7-1978;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that such of the orders have not been communicated to the Directorate of Education, Delhi Administration for implementation;

(c) if so, the reasons for this inordinate delay; and

(d) when the needful is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (SHRI-MATI RENUKA DEVI BARAKATA-KI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Development of dairies in Tribal Areas

7196. SHRI AMARSINH V. RATH-AWA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Government schemes in regard to development of dairies in Tribal Areas particularly in Gujarat State; and

(b) the names of the districts in Gujarat State which have been selected for development of dairies?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) The Dairy Development Programme in Tribal Areas in Gujarat broadly includes the following:

- (1) Supply of milch animals.
- (2) Mini Spear-head Teams.
- (3) Managerial/secretarial subsidy for milk cooperative societies.
- (4) Equipment subsidy for milk cooperative societies.
- (5) Training of society secretaries.
- (6) Subsidy for establishment of pasteurisation plants/chilling centres/cooling centres.
- (7) Transport subsidy.

(b) The districts of Amreli, Banaskantha, Jamnagar, Kutch, Panchmahal, Rajkot, Surendranagar, Ahmedabad, Bhavnagar and Mehsana have been selected in Gujarat State for Dairy Development under Tribal Area Development Programme.

Amount earmarked for development of major and minor irrigation projects in Gujarat

7197. SHRI AMARSINH V. RATH-AWA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked for the development of major and minor irrigation projects in Gujarat;