

rent operations and strict supervision at all levels is being ensured.

(3) The Corporation has also constituted Committees associating experts from Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Indian Council of Agricultural Research and State Governments to go into the performance of non-profit earning farms so as to enable the Corporation to take remedial steps.

(4) Further, projects for land developments on custom work basis have also been taken up, utilising the available idle farm machinery and equipment which will result in additional income to the Corporation. Besides, consultancy service to Universities and other organisations under the National Seeds Programme has also been taken up and the resultant income will augment the profits of the State Farms Corporation of India Ltd.

(b) The State Farms Corporation of India manages Central State Farms in Nine States viz., Rajasthan (2); Uttar Pradesh (2); Punjab, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Assam and Mizoram (one each).

(c) There is no farm in Orissa State and there is no proposal to start one at present.

New Technology for Pulse Production

7646. SHRI M. V. CHANDRA.
SHEKHARA MURTHY:
SHRI M. RAM GOPAL
REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a considerable headway was made during the last year in developing and popularising new technology for stepping up the production of pulses in the country;

(b) if so, to what extent it has succeeded;

(c) whether the production of pulses has increased during the current year;

(d) if so, to what extent; and

(e) whether, in view of this, the country will not have to resort to import of pulses during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b). Short duration varieties of moong and arhar have been evolved which can be grown as an additional crop in multiple cropping patterns. Moong can be grown in lands lying fallow in summer season after harvest of wheat and arhar can be grown in kharif season before sowing of wheat in rabi. Last year (1979-80) short duration moong varieties were grown over an area of 7 lakh hectares in summer season and the coverage under short duration arhar varieties was about 21,000 hectares.

Similarly, short duration varieties of moong, urd and cowpea are also being popularised in lands lying fallow after harvest of rice.

(c) and (d). The estimates of production of pulses in 1979-80 have not yet become available. However, due to unprecedented drought conditions in 1979-80, there is likely to be decline in production compared to the level of 12.17 million tonnes in 1978-79.

(e) Efforts are being made to increase the production of pulses during the current year, 1980-81 so as not to resort to imports, which, in any case, are nominal.

Plan Outlay on Agricultural and Rural Development

7647. SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY:
SHRI P. M. SAYEED:

Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have decided to increase the