

complaints received against the Youth Coordinator of Nehru Yuvak Kendra, Purulia, (West Bengal) are under investigation.

Beggars

34. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated number of beggars in our country;

(b) whether there is any rehabilitation programme of the Government of India for those people; and

(c) if so, what is the progress so far?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. GHAVAN): (a) According to the 1971 Census, the number of beggars including vagrants etc. was estimated to the 10.11 lakhs.

(b) and (c). Implementation of Anti-beggary enactments is being done by State Governments. At present, 15 States and 2 Union Territories have enacted Anti-beggary Legislations; 102 Institutions for beggars, with a capacity of 16350, are being run in the country by the various States|Union Territory Administrations.

Amount Earmarked for Desert Development Scheme in States

35. SHRI P. NAMGYAL: Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States and the total amount earmarked for each State under the Desert Development Schemes with special reference to Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the total amount earmarked and expenditure incurred for Leh and Kargil district of Jammu and Kashmir State separately since the inception of the schemes year-wise; and

(c) the achievement made so far?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION AND IRRIGATION (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) The Desert Development Programme is being implemented in the States of Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Rajasthan. The amount of Central assistance indicated to the concerned States and the amount actually released are shown in Statement I—

(b) The total amount earmarked (viz., the size of the approved programme for each year) and the total expenditure under the Programme are given in Statement II.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha (Statement III).

Statement I

Central Assistance indicated to the States and Actually Released*

(Rs. in lakhs)

State	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80**	1980-81**
1. Himachal Pradesh	43.50 (43.50)	75.00 (461.8)	25.00 (23.65)	25.00
2. Gujarat	45.00 (45.00)	285.00 (43.32)	82.50 (82.50)	65.08
3. Haryana	140.70 (140.70)	382.00 (168.00)	195.00 (48.75)	153.81
4. Rajasthan	429.00 (324.18)	1100.00 (650.00)	630.00 (554.00)	496.95
5. Jammu & Kashmir	56.62 (56.62)	150.00 (nil)	45.00 (22.50)	59.16
	714.82 (610.00)	1992.00 (907.50)	977.50 (731.40)	800.00

*Figures in brackets indicate the amount actually released.

**From 1979-80 onwards, Central assistance is limited to 50% of the cost of the programme. The balance is contributed by the State Government.

Statement II

Size of the Approved Programme and yearwise expenditure under the Ladakh Desert Development Programme.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Size of the approved Programme	Expenditure		Total
		Leh	Kargil	
1977-78	56.62	Nil	Nil	Nil
1978-79	104.01	1.01	1.01	2.02
1979-80	83.19	18.90	22.55	41.45
1980-81*	170.00	N.A.	N.A.	..
		19.91	23.56	43.47

*Equally divided between Leh and Kargil districts. Since Ladakh was divided into two districts late in 1979-80, the programme approved prior to 1980-81 relates to undivided Ladakh.

Statement III

List of major activities in Ladakh DDP

Though the Desert Development Programme was launched in 1977-78, it began to be implemented in Ladakh towards the end of 1978-79 with the appointment of Project staff. Some of the major items of work taken up under the Project are given below:—

1. Supply of improved seeds and potato seeds in Leh.

2. Work started on the seed multiplication farm at Khurbathang (Kargil district)

3. Work started on the cattle farm and Alpine Goat farm at Khurbathang (Kargil).

4. Work started on establishment of a goat farm at Stakna (Leh).

5. 43 Lamb sheds constructed in Leh.

6. 4 tanks, 7 khuls head works of two projects and 2 protection bunds constructed in Leh.

7. Scheme of diversion of snow water at Changla completed (Leh)

8. Work started on the Tirth Irrigation Scheme (Leh).

9. Work started on the Haftal Project (Kargil).

10. Work started on construction of head reach of Bearas Khul (Kargil).

11. Assistance provided for construction of cooperative godowns in both the districts.

12. Cross-breeding work taken up.

13. Horticulture development work started in both the districts.

14. Soil conservation work in forest area (60 acres in Leh).

15. Work started on the Cold Arid Fodder Farm at Nidder (Leh).

गेहूं का समर्थन मूल्य

36. श्री चन्द्रदेव प्रसाद वर्मा :

श्री नित्यानन्द मिश्र :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार आने वाले वर्ष के लिए गेहूं का समर्थन मूल्य 150 रु० प्रति क्विंटल नियत करने का है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० बी० स्वामीनाथन) : सरकार ने 1981-82 के विपणन मौसम के लिए गेहूं के समर्थन मूल्य के बारे में अभी कोई निर्णय नहीं किया है। कृषि मूल्य आयोग ने गेहूं की मूल्य नीति संबंधी अपनी रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत कर दी है और 24 अक्टूबर, 1980 को हुये मुख्यमंत्रियों के सम्मेलन में गेहूं का उत्पादन/खपत करने वाले प्रमुख राज्यों की राय ली गई थी। कृषि मूल्य आयोग की सिफारिशों, मुख्यमंत्रियों के सम्मेलन में व्यक्त किये गये विचारों, और योजना आयोग तथा संबंधित मंत्रालयों के सुझावों के आधार पर मंत्रिमंडल द्वारा अंतिम निर्णय लिया जाएगा।

Improvement of Katras in Delhi

37. SHRI BHIKU RAM JAIN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the specific schemes formulated by Government for the improvement of the Katras in the walled city of Delhi;

(b) whether Government are aware that the walled city is stinking even today;