

17 million hectares will be benefited by the irrigation facilities being created in the country.

All these efforts will help to boost and stabilize the agricultural production with the available agricultural technology and resources.

It may be pertinent to mention here that the average yield in Japan and Egypt represent very small cultivated area with assured water supply, compared with the diverse uncertain vast rainfed areas in India.

Non-utilisation of amount allotted for various Social Welfare Schemes

919. SHRI CHHANGUR RAM: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large amount of allocation made for the various welfare schemes both in the Central and State Sectors remains unutilised;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating the reasons for its non-utilisation; and

(c) the extent to which the welfare schemes have suffered as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Scheme on Senior Fellowship to Farm Scientists from Tribal, Hilly areas etc.

920. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO:

SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has envisaged

a scheme to give Senior fellowship to the farm scientists hailing from tribal, hilly, drought and flood prone and economically backward areas of the country;

(b) if so, whether the areas where the scheme is likely to operate has been identified and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the scholarship scheme has been linked with State agricultural development plans and if not, in what way they are going to be useful to these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. A Scholarship/Fellowships scheme under the Human Resources Development Programme for achieving agricultural progress in tribal, hill drought and flood prone areas and other ecologically or economically handicapped regions has been sanctioned by the I.C.A.R.

(b) Initially the scheme will cover 150 selected districts in tribal, hill, drought and flood prone areas and other ecologically or economically handicapped regions of the country. A statement showing the list of the district is enclosed.

(c) The training provided under the scheme will be helpful to the agricultural development plans of the State in providing specialized manpower. It is expected that persons trained from a particular area would willingly go back to their native area and chances of their stay would be much greater than an outsider. This would provide much needed trained manpower for backward areas and bring stability to our institution building efforts in such areas.