

**Substitution of Agriculture Price Commission by another Commission**

957. SHRI JAGPAL SINGH:  
 SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH:  
 SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV:  
 SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the suggestions made at the Conference of the Bharat Krishak Samaj held in Kolhapur in December, 1980 that the Agriculture Price Commission be substituted by a new Commission having adequate representation of farmers and about the need for marketing agriculture produce, starting processing and grading industries and export by the farming community; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government receives suggestion from time to time from various bodies. These are taken into consideration while framing the country's agricultural policy. In so far as the Agricultural Prices Commission is concerned, it already includes a member representing the interests of farmers.

**Performance of National Rural Employment Programme**

958. SHRI JAGPAL SINGH:  
 SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH:  
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Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the performance of the National Rural Employment Programme has been unsatisfactory and the anticipated employment generation is not likely to

be achieved by the end of 1980-81; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BALESHWAR RAM): (a) and (b): The National Rural Employment Programme has been launched in October, 1980 only. Reports from the States on the performance and employment generation under the programme during 1980-81 will become available after the expiry of the current year. *Prima facie*, there appears no reason to say that the performance has been unsatisfactory. On the contrary, there is persistent demand to raise the allocations of foodgrains under this programme.

**Credit from International Financial Agencies for Irrigation Projects**

959. SHRI JAGPAL SINGH:  
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Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of credit anticipated to be received by Government from the International Financial Agencies for the irrigation projects in the country; and

(b) the estimated allocation likely to be made to the State Governments (with names of the States) to overcome financial strain in the implementation of irrigation projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b). Details of projects receiving credit assistance from International Financing Agencies namely International Development Association (IDA), International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) indicating the amount of credit assistance agreed to be given by the financial agencies and the actual