

in 1970-71 under the antodaya programme have gradually been going out of order due to lack of proper maintenance, supervision etc.;

(b) if so, whether Government have a proposal to appoint some trained staff to look after the maintenance work there; and

(c) what other steps Government propose to take for proper financing of the above community projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRIBALESHWAR RAM) : (a) to (c) The required information is being collected from the Government of Orissa, and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Committee to study the consumption of Fertilizer.

4158. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH CHAUDHARY
DR. KRUPASINDHU
BHOI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Committee to study various aspects of fertilizer consumption, its imbalanced use, loss of nutrient through erosion and different grades of fertilizers to suit the soil and crop environment;

(b) whether in view of limited scope for bringing more areas under cultivation the rational use of fertilizers will be examined; and

(c) the present consumption of fertilizers and the estimated increase by the end of Sixth Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R.V. SWAMINATHAN) : (a) and (b)

No, Sir. There is already a Committee set up in the Ministry of Agriculture for stepping up the efficiency of fertiliser use and integrated use of local manurial resources in conjunction with chemical fertilisers. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research also undertakes field experiments to work out the suitable crop production technology for efficient use of fertilisers under different agro-climatic zones of the country.

Application of balanced doses of fertilisers is a pre-requisite for its efficient use. In view of limited scope for bringing more areas under cultivation and consequent need for increasing the productivity of existing areas under cultivation, Government's policy is to boost fertiliser consumption and encourage its rational use.

(c) The fertilizer consumption in 1980-81 was 55.16 lakh tonnes of nutrients and the target in 1984-85 is 96.54 lakh tonnes of nutrients.

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4159. श्री कृष्ण चन्द्र पाण्डे : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :-

(क) दिल्ली के बाह्य क्षेत्र के विभिन्न गांवों में उर्वरकों की सप्लाई के लिए कितनी एजेंसियां आवंटित की गई हैं ; और

(ख) 1981-82 में ऐसी एजेंसियों के आवंटन के लिए सरकार की क्या योजना है ?

कृषि तथा ग्रामीण पुनर्निर्माण मंत्रालयों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० बी० स्वा० नाथन) : (क) उर्वरक (नियंत्रण) आदेश के अन्तर्गत ऐसा व्यक्ति ही उर्वरक का व्यापार कर सकता है जिसके पास राज्य सरकारों अथवा