

### Drought Condition in the State of Orissa

4879. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of drought conditions last year and at present in the State of Orissa, Government have framed any programme for construction of wells during the current financial year;

(b) whether some provision for wells has also been made during the Sixth Five Year Plan also in that State;

(c) whether the programme includes deepening and renovating the existing wells to develop useful water source; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BALESHWAR RAM): (a) to (d). Under the Drought Prone Areas Programme which is in operation in the districts of Kanhadi and Phulbani, subsidy for construction of dugwells is provided to small and marginal farmers. Subsidy to indentified beneficiaries is also available everywhere in the State under the Integrated Rural Development Programme. However, the State Government determines the

overall programme for minor irrigation including provision of assistance for dug wells.

### News-Item "24 per cent Foodstuff Carries Pesticides"

4880. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY:

SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item dated 24 November, 1981 in Financial Express under the heading "24 per cent foodstuff carries pesticides";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government on it?

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

(b) In a study conducted by the Department of Preventive and Social Medicine, all India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health and Central Food Laboratory, Calcutta, on "Pesticide Residues in Human Food in Calcutta", a total number of 400 food samples were examined from different markets of Calcutta and were analysed for detection of DDT, B.H.C. (Lindane) and Malathion. The results of the study were as under:

Sl. No.	Food-stuff	Number examined	Number positive	Percentage
1	2	3	4	5
1	Animal products (milk, meat, fish & eggs)	40	12	30
2	Grains (cereals & pulses)	110	29	26.3
3	Vegetables	200	48	24.0
4	Condiments	10	2	..
5	Oil & Fats	10	1	..
6	Fruits	10	1	..
7	Beverages	10	0	..
8	Water	10	2	..
TOTAL		400	95	23.7