

(ब) कृषि मूल्य आयोग ने सिफारिश की कि "1981-82 के मौसम के लिए जे-34/414—एफ किस्म की औसत अच्छी किस्म की कपास के लिए न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य 380 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल निर्धारित किया जाये तथा लम्बे रेशे वाली कुछ उत्तम किस्मों का छोड़ कर, अन्य किस्मों के लिए तदनुसूची मूल्य जे-34/414—एफ तथा अन्य किस्मों के बीच सामान्य मूल्य अन्तर के आधार पर निर्धारित किया जाये। लम्बे रेशे वाली उन उत्तम कपासों के सम्बन्ध में, जिनके लिए घरेलू मांग कम हो रही है, उनकी मांग तथा आपूर्ति स्थिति के बीच आवश्यक समायोजन लाने के लिए विद्यमान विभेद का समाप्त करने की आवश्यकता है।"

Evaluation of National Policy on Soil

5587. SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the International Conference of Soil Science he had stated that a national policy on soil should be evolved;

(b) whether it is also a fact that he had suggested that urbanisation should not be done at the cost of agriculture;

(c) whether Government are aware that in Delhi more and more agricultural land is being taken over by DDA for the purpose of urbanisation; and

(d) if so, whether Government will call a halt to acquiring of agricultural land henceforth in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. For efficient utilisation of land resources, it was emphasized that land policy should be evolved. It was suggested that such a policy should include the following:

Assessment and inventory of soil resources for all end users.

Optimising the agriculture productivity through proper land use.

Security of land tenure.

Preventing and combating soil degradation through scientific water management.

Awareness through educational programmes.

Monitoring changes in productivity and developing warning systems and techniques to overcome the impending damage.

(b) It was suggested that the proposed soil policy must aim at saving as far as possible the high productivity lands for agricultural uses. Urban expansion and new satellite towns should be restricted to the marginal lands.

(c) and (d). Consistent with the essential requirements of land for urban growth, every effort is made to avoid the conversion of agricultural land wherever possible.

Working Group on Pulp Wood Plantation

5589. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had set up a Working Group in 1981 to explore the possibilities of raising pulp wood plantation as well as work out the economics of plantations and modalities of financing these plantations;

(b) if so, whether Government have received its report; and

(c) if so, its suggestions to Government in this regard?

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

(b) The Working Group has not yet finalised its report and the same awaited.

(c) Question does not arise.