

### National Rural Employment programme

5663. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering appointment of a panel to study the special programmes of state Government for generating rural employment;

(b) whether Government have undertaken fresh evaluation of the National Rural Employment Programme (NREP);

(c) whether NREP had suffered a setback due to inadequate allocation of funds and foodgrains for food-for-work programme by the Government Departments;

(d) if so, what efforts have been made to get additional funds, food-grain quota as also essential materials such as cement, iron and steel to meet the requirements of NREP;

(e) whether the IRD Programmes have also suffered a set back due to lack of adequate credit from Rural Banking Sector; and

(f) what steps have Government taken to revitalise both these programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BALESHWAR RAM): (a) A committee has been constituted on the strategy for full employment in rural areas under chairmanship of Secretary Rural Development.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). The implementation of National Rural Employment Programme has not suffered a set back due to inadequate allocation of funds and foodgrains. All the same, provision of funds for the programme has been stepped up for next year i.e. 1982-83 to Rs. 380 crores from Rs. 360 crores

for the current year. Instructions have also been issued to the State Governments for making requisite quantity of essential material like cement & steel available for meeting the requirement of work under National Rural Employment Programme.

(e) and (f). According to the reports received, the implementation of I.R.D. Programme in the States is not receiving desired impetus partly due to lack of adequate credit support from the banks. Following steps have been taken in this direction:

(i) A circular containing guidelines for credit support for I.R.D. Programme has been issued.

(ii) A High Level Committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of Dr. Manmohan Singh, Member-Secretary, Planning Commission to review the credit support for IRDP and to identify difficulties experienced by States in respect of smooth flow of credit support for IRDP and to suggest suitable measures to redress them.

(iii) Regional Seminars on institutional finance are organised from time to time to find ways and means to solve the difficulties experienced in respect of credit support for IRDP. These have been attended by bankers and DRDA authorities.

(iv) Ministry of Finance have called meetings of the Chief Executives of Commercial Banks and the State Government authorities for sorting out the problems of credit support for IRDP from time to time.

### Findings of Enquiry Committee on Death of Sheep of Chwri

5664. SHRI K. A. RAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state-

(a) whether it is a fact that an inquiry Committee set up by the governing body of the ICAR has found that