

mentation. The Orissa Government have submitted a project for collection of sal-seeds in the Mayurbhanj district and for setting up a solvent extraction plant for processing them. The project report is being finalised. Projects in the case of Bihar and Madhya Pradesh are also under finalisation.

Research Conducted by scientists for Optimum use of Chemical fertilizers

1192. SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Scientists have conducted research on the optimum use of chemical fertilizers;

(b) if so, how far it will be effective for the fertilizers; and

(c) other steps taken/proposed to be taken to conduct a thorough research on fertilizers by Government?

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

(b) In order to determine the time, method, rates and sources of fertilizers for different cropping systems, more than 10,000 fertilizers trials at experimental stations and on farmers' fields are conducted annually in various parts of the country. A network of 332 soil testing laboratories also analyse about 12 million soil samples for recommending judicious use of fertilizers. These efforts have contributed towards better profitability from fertilizers use and have helped to enhance fertilizer use efficiency. However, considering the vastness of the country, with varied soil, crop and climatic conditions, agricultural research including fertilizers use will be further strengthened with the establishment of a network of agricultural experimental Stations under the National Agricultural Research Project.

(c) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research is constantly incorporating new technologies for making fertilizer use more efficient. Besides improvement

in soil test methodology and intensification of soil testing service, efforts are also being made to popularise the use of bio-fertilizers. Research on soil test crop response correlation is also simultaneously being carried out at several Centres for providing a better/optimum return from fertilizers use.

असम में चक्रवात

1193. श्री मोतीभाई आर० चौधरी :
श्री बापूसाहिब परलेकर :
श्री रवीन्द्र वर्मा :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पिछले छः महीनों के दौरान असम में कोई तेज चक्रवात आया था और यदि हां, तो क्या पहले से कोई चेतावनी दे दी गई थी ;

(ख) उक्त चक्रवात के परिणामस्वरूप हुई क्षति का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार द्वारा दी गई सहायता का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कृषि तथा ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालयों में उपमंत्रि (कुमारो कमला कुमारी) :
(क) से (ग) राज्य सरकार से जानकारी मांगी गई है प्राप्त होते ही सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

अतिरिक्त माल गोदायों का निर्माण

1194. श्रीमती किशोरो सिन्हा :

श्री फूल चन्द वर्मा :

डा० सुब्रह्मण्यम स्वामी :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि खाद्यान्नों को नष्ट होने से बचाने के लिए सरकार