

gation after oilseeds, sugarcane, potatoes and wheat;

- (iii) multiplication and use of improved pulse seeds and distribution of seeds minikits;
- (iv) adoption of plant protection measures and use of phosphatic fertilizers and rhizobial culture etc.; and
- (v) ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers.

In addition, the import of pulses is allowed under Open General Licence.

Mode of Training of Government of India Press Apprentices

4534. SHRI SYED MASUDAL HOS-SAIN : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the defects in the present mode of imparting training to Press Apprentices in Government of India Press; and

(b) the reasons for not introducing a systematic practical training procedure so that apprentices can cope up with the modern and sophisticated printing technology?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI MOHAMMED UAMAN ARIF) : (a) Yes, Sir. A representation was received from apprentices engaged in Calcutta Complex.

(b) Practical training is being given to the apprentices on machines available in the Presses according to the prescribed syllabus as per requirements of the Apprentices Act, 1961, and rules framed thereunder.

Setting up of a National Rural Development Fund

4535. SHRIMATI MADHURI SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a National Rural Development fund, if so, what is the criteria for identification of areas and category or priority of development programmes to be undertaken from out of the fund; and

(b) the details of financial supports to be given for rural development programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI HARINATH MISRA) : (a) and (b) A National Fund for Rural Development is to be set up and notified by the Central Government in terms of Clause (C) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 35CCA of the Income-Tax Act, 1961. The modalities with regard to setting up of the fund, as also the other details are worked out.

Yield of Wheat, Cotton, Jawar, Groundnut in Irrigated and Rainfed Areas

4536. SHRI UTTAM RATHOD : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the standard yield for wheat, cotton, jawar and groundnut irrigated areas in rain-fed area and dry area;

(b) the comparative costs of production of those items in the two areas; and

(c) will the Government provide for a dual pricing system for crops produced in irrigated area, rain-fed dry areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) A statement indicating available data on yield rates of wheat, cotton, jawar and groundnut in irrigated and unirrigated (rainfed and dry) areas in some States during 1980-81 is given at the

statement. These yield rates are based on sub-sample of experiments of general crop estimation surveys and these are not calculated for all States.

(b) The State level estimates of cost of production are based on sample farmers after taking into account the

diverse agro-climatic and farming conditions, such as, rainfall, irrigation, soil type, cropping pattern etc. Separate estimates for irrigated and unirrigated areas are not worked out.

(c) There is no such proposal under the consideration of Government.

Statement

Yield from irrigated/unirrigated lands (1980-81)

(Kg./ha)

State	Yield		
	Irrigated	Unirrigated	
WHEAT			
Assam	1582	1193	
Bihar	1224	1020	
Gujarat	2409	573	
Haryana	2397	1840	
Himachal Pradesh	1883	1339	
Madhya Pradesh	1684	709	
Maharashtra	1249	419	
Punjab	2771	1535	
Rajasthan	1544	879	
Uttar Pradesh	1778	1087	
West Bengal	1314	1029	
COTTON (Lint)			
Gujarat	334	111	
Maharashtra	197	68	
Punjab	289	128	
Tamil Nadu	413	82	
JOWAR			
Gujarat	Kharif	1318	435
	Rabi	1476	923
Haryana	369	349	
Madhya Pradesh	1150	762	
Maharashtra	Kharif	N.A.	943
	Rabi	1010	406
Tamil Nadu	1552	599	
GROUDNUT			
Gujarat	Kharif	839	676
Maharashtra	Kharif	N.A.	619
	Summer	1400	N.A.
Punjab	1322	1179	
Rajasthan	569	368	
Tamil Nadu	1587	616	

N.A.—Not Available.