

(iv) if the worker was engaged after March, 1979, his name should originally have been sponsored by the Employment Exchange.

(f) Yes.

(g) Beldar	60
Upholster	1
Painter	9
Carpenter	4
Fitter/Asstt. Fitter	3
Mason	1
Khallasi	12

(h) Regularisation being a continuous process, eligible Muster Roll employees are being regularised on the basis of vacancies arising.

Self-Sufficiency in Agriculture under 20-Point Programme

4259. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the various measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to become self-sufficient in agriculture under 20-Point Economic Programme;

(b) the State-wise progress made in this regard; and

(c) by which year the country is expected to become self-sufficient ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) to (c) Self-sufficiency in foodgrains and other agricultural products has been an important objective of Government policy envisaged in our successive Five Year Plans. As a result of the high priority being given to the achievement of this objective, India has made

conspicuous progress in agricultural production. By and large, the country has achieved self-sufficiency in foodgrains, except when there is a sharp decline as a result of acute and widespread drought as in 1979-80 and in 1982. It is only in exceptional cases that some imports of foodgrains have to be arranged to augment buffer stocks which have to be maintained as a measure of food security against future shortfalls and as a check on excessive price rise. Within the foodgrains group, the growth in the production of pulses has been rather slow and there is a need for improving the growth rate. In the case of sugarcane and cotton, India is not only self-sufficient but is exporting some proportion of production. In the case of oilseeds, the supply is short of the fast expanding demand of edible oil which is being met through imports. However, every effort is being made to reduce imports and to eliminate them as soon as possible by taking special measures to accelerate the growth of internal production of oilseeds. The New 20-Point Programme is aimed at focussing special attention on some of the problems requiring high priority from national angle. So far as agriculture sector is concerned, special attention has sought to be focussed on expansion of irrigation, development of dry farming, accelerated efforts for production of pulses and oilseeds and afforestation.

State-wise progress in the Agricultural Items concerning Department of Agriculture and Cooperation was laid on the Table of the House.

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Fulfilment of Conditions Regarding Setting up of Regency Hyatt Hotel

4260. SHRI DALBIR SINGH : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether during the setting up of the Regency Hyatt Hotel, the Asian Hotels Ltd. have fulfilled all the terms and conditions stipulated separately or jointly by DDA, DMC, NDMC, Delhi Administration and Government of India;