

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (DR. M. S. SANJEEVI RAO) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Grant Provided by Britain for Housing Schemes in India**

8449. SHRI B. V. DESAI :

SHRI K. MALLANNA :

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Britain has agreed to provide further grant of over Rs. 37 crores to finance housing schemes for the poor in India ;

(b) to what extent they have earlier provided loan for the housing scheme for poor ;

(c) if so, how much was utilised ; and

(d) to what extent this loan of Rs. 37 crores by the British Government is to be utilised in India ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS, IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The Government of U. K. has agreed for an allocation of £24.012 million for financing 'HUDCO Project II'.

(b) and (c) Against an agreed assistance of £14.75 million the Phase I, HUDCO has made loan releases of over Rs. 21 crores and Rs. 20 crores has already been passed on to HUDCO by the Government as loan.

(d) The amount available under 'HUDCO Project II', would be utilised for financing 126 schemes spread over 15 States, which will help in construction of 33,265 houses in urban areas, 1,22,858 houses in rural areas and development of 3038 sites and services plots/quarter upgradation programmes for EWS families.

**Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Intensive Training of Field Functionaries for Rural Development Programmes**

8450. SHRI B. V. DESAI :

SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY :

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is essential to launch a Centrally sponsored scheme for intensive training of field functionaries for rural development programmes because of the increasing importance of rural development schemes and the huge investment in this sector that is being proposed for the Seventh Plan period ;

(b) whether the training programme is likely to be launched in 1984-85, and will also cover the entire country during the next financial year ;

(c) whether the National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad is proposed to be made the apex co-ordinating agency for the rural development training programme ;

(d) if so, the other training programmes that are being planned ; and

(e) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI HARINATHA MISRA) : (a) to (e) The question of strengthening the training of rural field functionaries during the Seventh Plan period is under consideration. Various details have yet to be finalised.

**Management Problems of Soil Due to Green Revolution**

8451. SHRI B. V. DESAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the green revolution in Punjab and various other parts of the country has brought in its train certain management problems by depleting soil fertility because of much higher removal of nutrients by high-yielding varieties of various crops ;

(b) whether any survey was conducted in this regard in various places also ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the measures being taken to save the soil fertility ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Intensive cropping and higher removal of nutrients by high yielding varieties are causing depletion of soil fertility and deficiency of secondary and micro nutrients in certain areas including Punjab.

(b) and (c) These deficiencies and certain other management problems have been noticed in various areas. However, no specific survey for this purpose only has been conducted.

(d) Integrated nutrient management system through balanced utilisation of chemical fertilisers, organic manures and bio-fertilisers including Rhizobium and Blue Green Algae etc., is being recommended to save the soil fertility.

#### Progress of Operation Flood in States

8452. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Government have deputed its agency (machinery) to note in each State the progress made under 'Operation Flood' programme during the last two years ;

(b) if so, whether it has been noticed that some States have not utilised the amount of money granted to them ; and

(c) if so, the names of such States which did not spend the full amount or have shown their inability in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Research and Development in Oilseeds

8453. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are satisfied with the research made by the Research and Development in the field of oilseeds ; and

(b) if so, the details of all the new varieties identified and released with claims of productivity for the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of new varieties of oilseed crops identified/released during the last 3 years with average yield potentials are given in the statement attached.

#### Minor Irrigation Projects in Adivasi Areas

8454. SHRI AMAR SINH RATHAWA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be

pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Adivasi area in the country is very backward in regard to irrigation facility and they have to depend only on rain;

(b) if so, what special steps are being taken to provide minor irrigation projects in those areas;

(c) the details of minor irrigation system that is being provided; and

(d) whether a Central team has visited the Adivasi areas of the country to study the possibility of providing minor irrigation facilities to adivasi areas; if so, what are the findings and the steps taken so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) to (c) The level of irrigation in tribal areas is generally low as compared to the national average. In order to increase the irrigation facilities in these areas, the various State Governments are taking up surface water storage, diversion and lift irrigation schemes, wherever feasible from technical and economical considerations. The State Governments have also been advised to draw up Master Plans for the tribal areas so that development process is accelerated. Following steps are being taken for the tribal areas :—

1. Tribal sub-plans concept has been evolved by the States and specific allocations are made by them for Sub-Plan areas under their Minor Irrigation Programme.

2. Subsidies are made available to tribal farmers at a higher rate of 50% for individual and community Minor Irrigation schemes under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of assisting small and marginal farmers. The subsidy is available for construction of dugwells, dug-cum-bore wells, shallow tubewells and purchase of pumpsets etc. Some State Governments like Bihar, Gujarat, M. P., Tripura and West Bengal provide higher rates of subsidy to Tribal farmers over and above the subsidy available under Integrated Rural Development Programme.

(d) No such Central team for Minor Irrigation has been sent by this Ministry to Adivasi areas. However, the Parliamentary Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled