purchase of equipments, allotment of scientists etc. separately during 1980-81, 1981-82, 1982 83 and 1983-84 by ICAR and UGC separately; and

(b) the funds made available to the institutions and universities where programmes are going on during the above period and the full particulars thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Out of the 23 agricultural universities in the country, the Council has been providing assistance to 21 agricultural Universities during VI Plan period. In addition the Council also provided assistance to three Colleges of Agriculture of Central Universities and Colleges of Agriculture affiliated to general universities. The details are given in statements-I to XXXI. [Placed in library, see No. LT.8315/84]

This Central assistance has been provided under the Scheme "Establishment and Development of Agricultural Universities". "Development of Affiliated Colleges of Central Universities" and "Central Development of affiliated colleges of general universities" for developing the infrastructural facilities in the agricultural universities/colleges.

Posts of Administrative officers

9364. SHRI MOHAMMAD "ASRAR AHMAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state."

- (a) the number of sanctioned posts of Administrative Officer, Senior Administrative Officer and Chief Administrative Officer in various projects and establishment under Indian Council of Agricultural Research;
- (b) the number of Administrative Officer, Senior Administrative Officer and Chief Administrative Officer actually working on 1 April, 1984 and the vacancies of each lying vacant, since when and reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken to fill-up these vacancies and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) A statement-I is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [Placed in library see No. LT-8316/84]

(c) A statement-II is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [Placed in library see No. LT-8316/84]

Convention of Indian society of Agriculture Engineering

9365. SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Society of Agriculture Engineering held a convention in New Delhi recently;
 - (b) if so, the subjects discussed; and
- (c) the reaction of Government to the suggestions made in the convention and the steps taken to apply them in the appropriate field of development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers (ISAE) held its XXI Convention in the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi during April 5-7, 1984.

- (b) The ISAE has informed that the Convention had a theme session on "Agricultural Engineering in the Service of Rural India" and a general session on "Role of Institutional Financing and Agro-Industries Corporations". Besides, these, concurrent technical sessions in the areas of Farm Machinery and Power, Agricultural Processing and Structures, Energy in Agriculture, and Soil and Water Conservation Engineering were also held. A total of about 130 papers were presented during these technical sessions.
- (c) The Government is yet to receive a report on the suggestions made in this Convention.

Increase in subsidy under the integrated rural development programme

9366. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT