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Paddy Seed Supply by Bihar Rajya Beej Nigam

1138. SHRI H.N. BAHUGUNA :
SHRI RAMAVATAR
SHASTRI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the failure of the Bihar Rajya Beej Nigam to supply paddy seeds in required quantity ;

(b) if so, whether it will lead to shortfall in production and likely imports of rice by Government ;

(c) whether this is a result of export of paddy seeds by the Centre two years back under the garb of rice-in-busk ;

(d) whether it is correct that National Seeds Corporation and State Seeds Corporation are in a position only to meet hardly 1 per cent of the total seed requirements of the country for all crops (grains/vegetables/other commodities) ; and

(e) whether Government propose to put all seed Corporations both at the Centre and States under professional experts and save the country from further imports of grains etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) :

(a) The Government are aware of the shortfall in supply of paddy seeds to Bihar by Bihar Rajya Beej Nigam with reference to the targetted quantity.

(b) Supply of paddy seeds by Bihar

Rajya Beej Nigam supplemented through supply by National Seeds Corporation and Uttar Pradesh Seeds & Tarai Development Corporation etc., was adequate to meet the demand of the State, and as a such, there is not likely to be any shortfall in production. The question of import of rice by the Government due to shortfall in supply of paddy seeds by Bihar Rajya Beej Nigam does not arise.

(c) There had been no export of paddy certified/quality seeds during 1982-83 and 1983-84.

(d) No, Sir. Excepting potato seeds, the supplies by National Seeds Corporation account for about 10-11% of the total quantum of seeds distributed in the country. National Seeds Corporation and State Seeds Corporations together account for about 51% per cent of the total quantum of seeds distributed in the country.

(e) Management of State Seeds Corporations is done by State Governments and National Seeds Corporation by the Central Government. In all these Corporations, Technical/Professional Officers/Experts hold the key posts in production, quality control, marketing etc. Adequate care is taken to select suitable officers as Chief Executives and in fact in some of the Seed Corporations, Technical Officers have already been appointed as Chief Executive.

Achievements of Dry Land Farming under 20-Point Programme

1139. SHRI AMARSINH
RATHAWA :

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the dry land farming scheme which is the first point in the 20-Point Economic Programme has