

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI DHARMAVIR) : (a) and (b) UNDP has agreed to help India in the establishment of Industrial Hygiene laboratories for strengthening the Factory Inspection and Advice Services so as to make the industrial managements aware of the potential hazards due to pollutants. Such laboratories are being proposed to be set up in the Factory Inspectorates of the following States/Union Territories, equipped with a set of sampling and measuring equipment for purposes of demonstrating and training in monitoring health and safety standards in factories :

Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Goa, and Pondichery.

Rehabilitation of Bonded Labour

1301. **SHRIMATI PRAMILA DANDAVATE :** Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that only 41.2 per cent of the released bonded labourers were rehabilitated;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the steps being taken to rehabilitate the remaining 58.8 per cent labourers already released;

(d) how many of them have again become bonded labourers; and

(e) the estimated total number still to be released ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI DHARMAVIR) : (a) to (c) As per the Planning Commission's report on the evaluation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for rehabilitation of bonded labourers released recently, only 41.2% of the released bonded labourers were rehabilitated as on

30.6.1981. However, as per the latest reports received from the State Governments, out of the total number of 1,66,266 bonded labourers identified and freed, 1,26,395 bonded labourers have been rehabilitated as on 31.5.1984, the percentage of rehabilitation being 76% approximately. Out of the balance of 39,871 (1,66,266—1,26,395), target for rehabilitation of 30,633 released bonded labourers has been fixed during the current financial year (1984-85) and the remaining bonded labourers will be rehabilitated during the next financial year.

(d) None of the State Governments who are responsible for implementation of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 have reported any instance of the freed bonded labourers sliding back to bondage.

(e) Identification of bonded labourers and their subsequent release and rehabilitation is a continuous process. The State Governments, who are the appropriate government for this purpose, have been requested from time to time to take urgent and effective steps, including undertaking of intensive surveys to secure early release and rehabilitation of bonded labourers, wherever found existing. Detailed guidelines have also been issued to the State Governments in this regard. It is, therefore, not possible to precisely indicate the estimated number of bonded labourers left to be released.

Promotion of use of Fertilizers

1302. **SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :** Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether certain backward districts of Madhya Pradesh and other such areas in eastern States have been taken up under a 5-Year Programme for promoting fertilizer usages on scientific lines under an Indo-British Fertilizer Education Project;

(b) if so, what progress has so far been made in each of the areas with regard to promotion of use of fertilizers and other

chemicals for boosting agricultural production and for improving the socio-economic conditions of the farmers; and

(c) the total fund required for the programme and how far it is likely to be financed by Government of U.K. and what is the expenditure incurred on the project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI R.C. RATH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The field activities on the project were started during the Rabi Season 1981-82 in five States of Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal and in Uttar Pradesh from Kharif 1982.

The progress made is given in the attached statement.

(c) The Government of U.K. will provide a grant 13 million sterling pounds, equivalent to about Rs. 22 crores for the project. The entire cost of the project will be met from this grant. The expenditure incurred in the project so far is given below :—

	Rs. in lakhs
1981-82	63.64
1982-83	270.40
1983-84	446.54
1984-85 (Budgeted)	500.00

Statement

Progress of Extension activities from Rabi 1981-82 to Kharif 1983

ITEM	STATE					
	M.P.	Assam	Bihar	Orissa	U.P.	West Bengal
1. Area Covered (hectare)	4288	4639	4637	5258	3216	4550
2. No. of farmers participated	5507	9044	10802	11928	6744	11910
3. Small & Marginal Farmers (%)	60	78.2	91.8	79.8	92.8	87.7
4. Group discussions	1933	1601	1350	1495	688	1410
5. Field Days	180	209	220	190	168	190
6. Farmers Training	219	215	221	198	156	265
7. Crop Seminars	3	5	4	3	3	4
8. Leaflets on Crop & Soil Tezting ('000)	61.6	45.43	36.44	35.71	125.5	29.43
9. Distribution of Crop Calenders ('000)	9.0	8.1	9.3	9.0	8.9	9.0
10. Soil Samples analysed	24307	30487	51200	42597	11598	37283