

**Project for Integrated dry land
Agriculture Development in
Tamil Nadu**

4975 SHRI BHUVARAHAN Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether any place has been selected in Tamil Nadu State for the integrated dry land agriculture development pilot project and

(b) the amount so far set apart for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir The districts of Tirunelveli and Tiruchirappalli have been selected in Tamil Nadu in each district under dry Farming

(b) During 1971-72 a sum of Rs 46.39 lakhs has been estimated for the implementation of these two Pilot Projects

Study of Indian Council of Agricultural Research to check Agricultural Graduates from Seeking White Collar Jobs

4976 SHRI RANABAHADUR SINGH Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that preponderance of fresh agricultural graduates are not taking to agriculture but hunting for white collar jobs in the cities,

(b) if so, whether Indian Council of Agricultural Research has undertaken a study of this disquieting phenomenon and if so, the main findings thereof, and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to arrest this brain-drain by giving more

incentives to the up-and-coming young educated farmers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) (a) Government are aware that as in most of the other countries only a small fraction of the total number of agricultural graduates go back to farming.

At the same time it is also true that quite a few agricultural graduates are going into jobs whether under Govt. or in the private sector, that are connected with the promotion of agriculture and in which the skills they have gained can be used

(b) No Sir

(c) A number of State Governments are offering incentives to agricultural graduates to induce them to take to farming. Some of the nationalised banks are also providing credit to agricultural graduates who take to farming

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research is also taking steps to help Agricultural Universities/Colleges to reorient the degree courses in agricultural sciences suitably so as to equip the scholars for self employment

**Ratio of Vegetable Exports to Total
Vegetable Produce**

4977 SHRI RANABAHADUR SINGH Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) the ratio of fresh vegetable exports to the European markets from our country as compared to the total vegetable produce,

(b) the difficulties in providing farmer air cargo freight facilities on our Air India services for their fresh tropical vegetable produce; and