

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) : (a) No request for the visit of a Central team has so far been received from the Govt. of Orissa in the current year.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Development of Special Variety of Prawas and Lobsters in Andhra Pradesh

5675. **SHRI B. S. MURTHY :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any technical assistance has been made available to Andhra Pradesh to develop special variety of prawns and obsters ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof with progress made ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) : (a) and (b). No technical assistance is being given by the Central Government to Andhra Pradesh for development of special varieties of prawn and lobster. However, the Central Institute of Fisheries Technology and the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute are carrying out research along the Andhra coast in order to increase the prawn catch from that area. The Sub-station of the Central Institute of Fisheries Technology at Kakinada is engaged in research in order to develop suitable types of trawl nets for the effective exploitation of prawns as well as other fish resources. The Sub-station of the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, also at Kakinada, is making studies to assess the resources of prawns in relation to their distribution at various depths and areas and to elucidate various biological aspects including migration and behaviour of commercially important prawns in order to develop the prawn fishery.

Survey for Digging Exploratory Tubewells in Basti, Uttar Pradesh

5676. **SHRI K. C. PANDEY :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to dig exploratory tubewells in Khalilabad of Basti District of U. P. ; and

(b) if so, the main features of the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Bringing of more Arcas under Rice Cultivation in Eastern U. P.

5677. **SHRI K. C. PANDEY :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by Government to bring more areas under rice cultivation in the Eastern Districts of Uttar Pradesh :

(b) the arrangements made for the supply of good quality seeds and fertilizers for paddy cultivation ; and

(c) the increase expected in production of paddy as a result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) : (a) to (c). Information has been called for from the State Govt. and would be placed on the table of the Sabha as soon as it is received.

Procurement targets and steps taken to protect procured foodgrains from Rains

5678. **SHRI S. C. SAMANTA :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) by what time the procurement targets are likely to be achieved in the various States of India ;

(b) what percent of the targets has already been procured by the 30th June, 1971 ;

(c) whether the demand of the Railway wagons is being fully met with ; and

(b) if not, the steps being taken to protect the procured grains from the rains ?