

**Views of R.B.I. Board regarding Production of Food Crops**

1169. SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Board of Directors of R. B. I. visualised a possible set back in the production of food crops due to the recent severe floods and droughts;

(b) if so, the remedies suggested by them; and

(c) the decisions of the Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) : (a) In the Report of the Central Bank of Directors of the Reserve Bank for the year ended 30th June, 1971, a reference has been made in para 182 to the likely impact of severe floods, droughts, etc. on the growth rate. With regard to food crops, it has been stated that this may cause perhaps no more than a small set back to the growth rate.

(b) and (c). Para 188 of the Report refers to developmental efforts. The measures referred to therein viz., larger utilisation of irrigation potential, wider spread of improved seeds, fertilisers and better farming practices, development of dry farming techniques, further exploitation of ground water resources and strengthening of rice research, are already being pursued under the Fourth Five Year Plan.

The Ministry took steps for (i) organising more production as soon as flood waters receded, or the spell of drought ended and for (ii) increasing, to the maximum extent practicable, food production so as to balance the shortage arising in flood or drought affected areas.

**Representation from Association of Taxi Drivers regarding facilities at Taxi stands in Delhi/New Delhi**

1170. SHRIMATI MUKUL BENERJI : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND

TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether representations have been received from the Association of Taxi Drivers in Delhi/New Delhi that covered sheds should be provided in taxi-stands to protect the taxi-drivers from sun and rain;

(b) whether it has also been represented that there should be provision of taps for drinking water in the taxi-stands; and

(c) if so, the action taken on the representations ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) to (c). The information required is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha, as soon as it is received.

**Large scale transfer of teachers in Government Schools, Delhi**

1171. SHRIMATI MUKUL BANERJI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a large scale transfer of teachers in Government Schools in the Union Territory of Delhi; and

(b) if so, reasons thereof.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (PROF. D. P. YADAVA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

**Setting up of New Medical College in New Delhi**

1172. SHRIMATI MUKUL BANERJI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the present stage in the setting up of a new medical college in New Delhi.