

(b) the steps Government propose to take for the management and control of its properties in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI F. A. AHMED) (a) : The Waqf Enquiry Committee has not made any recommendation so far. Its report is awaited.

(b) Does not arise.

Financial help to cotton growers of West Bengal

1969. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the West Bengal administration approached the Central Government for Central assistance, to given some financial help to cotton growers in West Bengal;

(b) whether the Government has agreed to give this assistance; and

(c) if so, the nature thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Government of India have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 31.20 lakhs for the introduction of cotton under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme in the Sunderbans and Coastal belts in West Bengal during 1971-72. The nature of assistance provided therein is mainly for :

- (i) Full cost of staff and contingencies
- (ii) Full cost of inputs for demonstrations.
- (iii) 25% subsidy on plant protection chemicals
- (iv) 100% subsidy on urea and 50% subsidy on low volume power sprayers for Foliar application of urea.

In addition, a short-term loan of Rs. 3.25 lakhs has been sanctioned to the State

Government for purchase and distribution of cotton seeds to growers for meeting 50% cost.

Agreements Between India and World Food Programme To Assist Projects in Mysore State

1970. SHRI DHARAMRAO AFZAL-PURKAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether two agreements have been signed between India and World Food programme to assist the projects in Mysore State; and

(b) if so, the quantum and conditions of assistance and the area in Mysore where these projects are to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Two agreements were signed between the Government of India and the World Food Programme on the 30th August 1971 under which World Food Programme has committed food assistance valued at Rs. 33,750,000 for development projects in the State of Mysore. The World Food Programme Aid will be in the form of wheat, sorghum, and skimmed milk powder.

Under one agreement, the World Food Programme is to provide support for the construction of 11,00 miles of rural roads and intensive development of 400,000 acres of land irrigated by the Tungbhadra Dam Project in Ballary and Raichur districts. The work will provide employment during a five year period to 5000 persons who will receive part of their wages in the form of commodities. The value of WFP commodities to be supplied is Rs. 19,500,000/-

The other agreement provides for WFP assistance for a soil conservation programme to be undertaken in the districts of Chitradurg Tumkur, Kolar and Bangalore. The project will cover 450,000 acres of agricultural land and will employ an average 5,625 working families for six month a year over a five year period. The WFP food.