

Assessment of working of Small Farmers Development Scheme

1068. SHRI DHARMRAO AFZALPURKAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are making assessment of the working of the Schemes for small farmers ; and

(b) if so, the findings therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) and (b) The assessment of the working of the schemes for small farmers is a continuous process. The progress of the scheme is reviewed from time to time and programmes revised to suit local needs. A review of its working has been made in the Mid-term Appraisal of the Fourth Five Year Plan also and modifications have been made as suggested in the Appraisal. Study Teams set up by the Reserve Bank of India are going into the detailed working of a few selected SFDA projects.

Most of the SFDA projects were sanctioned in the course of 1970-71. They have started functioning effectively from 1971-72.

Progress of Crash Programme for Rural Employment

1069. SHRI ARJUN SETHI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Plans on crash scheme for rural employment failed to reach the mark in 1971-72 ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) and (b). The scheme which was introduced in April, 1971 envisaged the creation of 875 lakh mandays of employment during 1971-72 at an expenditure of Rs. 50 crores during a full working period of 10 months. According to the reports so far received from the States and Union Territories 808.22 lakh mandays of employment have been generated in 1971-72 at an expenditure of Rs. 32.37 crores. This was the first year of the Scheme work could start in the field only in October, 1971, in most States as the earlier part of the year was utilised by the States in

formulating proposals and in making the necessary technical, financial and organisational arrangements. Further in 1971 rains continued longer than usual and few durable assets can be constructed during rains. The effective working period during the year was therefore six months. In these circumstances, the overall achievement of about 808 lakh mandays against a target of 875 lakhs can not be considered unsatisfactory. However, the position varies from State to State and the performance of some States and Union Territories has been not up to the mark.

Tripuri Dialect

1070. SHRI DASARATHA DEB : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by the Government of India to convert Tripura dialect into a written language ;

(b) whether any effort has been made to cultivate this tribal dialect ; and

(c) if so, the result achieved ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV) : (a) The Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore set up by the Government of India has devised a script for writing Tripuri which is based on the Bengali script,

(b) and (c) The following material has so far been prepared regarding Tripuri :

(i) A phonology of Tripuri ;

(ii) A phonetic reader of Tripuri containing a description of Tripuri sounds and phonetic drill for teaching correct pronunciation ;

(iii) A volume of Tripuri folk-tales.

In addition the following are under preparation :

(i) A grammar of Tripuri based on modern linguistic principles ;

(ii) A Tripuri-Bengali-Hindi-English dictionary ;

(iii) A Bengali-Tripuri-Hindi-English dictionary.