

of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture has decided to initiate a scheme of Agriculture Polytechnics mainly for middle level training, vocational training and inservice training in specialised fields. A working group has been set up to work out the details of the scheme. In order to gain experience five Agriculture Polytechnics as pilot projects are proposed to be started during the 4th Plan Period :

1. Horticulture Polytechnic
2. Dairy polytechnic
3. Multiple cropping polytechnic
4. Dryland farming polytechnic, and
5. Agriculture Engineering polytechnic

To begin with emphasis would be laid on inservice training and technical literacy drive so that these programmes do not in any way add to the unemployment problem.

The pattern of assistance has yet to be decided. The details, such as location, staffing etc., are yet to be worked out.

Mini-Kit-Programme for Rice

2944. SHRI BHOGENDR A JHA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a rice mini-kit programme has been sponsored by Government and I.C.A.R. with the Cooperation of Ford Foundation in order to intensify extension efforts; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAH B P. SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of India, in collaboration with I.C.A.R., have taken up a Central Sector Scheme on Rice Minikit Programme.

(b) The main features of the programme are :

(i) distribution of minikits containing 3 Kg. of seed of each of

the two identified varieties suitable for different agro-climatic conditions;

- (ii) training of extension personnel responsible for the implementation of the programme at the field level;
- (iii) seed multiplication of the varieties included in the programme; and
- (iv) evaluation of the trials in the field with a view to judging the reaction of farmers.

Construction of Dry Dock in Calcutta to build bigger ships

2945. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to State :

(a) whether there is a proposal to construct a new Dry Dock to build bigger ships in Calcutta;

(b) whether the Dock is being constructed with foreign collaboration; and

(c) if so, the nature and terms of the collaboration and the date by which the dock is likely to be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI OM MEHTA) : (a) to (c). Garden Reach Workshops Limited, Calcutta, are expanding their present Dry Dock to a bigger Dry Dock of size 188 meters x 27 meters x 10 meters, as a part of their expansion and modernisation plan, to enable them to construct ocean going vessels upto 28,000 DWT. The expanded Dry Dock is expected to be completed by July 1973. No foreign collaboration is envisaged for this project.

Delegates to 14th International Youth Science Fair-night

2946. SHRI NARANDER SINGH : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :