

National Cultural Policy

147. SHRI P. M. MEHTA :
SHRI P. GANGADEB :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to frame a National Cultural policy ; and

(b) if so, whether the framing of the cultural policy is urgently needed in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV) : (a) No decision has yet been taken, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Study of Implication of Large Scale introduction of New Varieties of Foodgrains

149. SHRI P. M. MEHTA :
SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have sanctioned several schemes for conducting special study on social and economic implications of large-scale introduction of new varieties of foodgrains ;

(b) if so, the main features of the schemes and

(c) whether \$40,000 (Rs. 2.92 lakhs) project will be financed by the United Nations Development Programme and carried through selected Research Institutes in the five wheat growing States of Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) to (c). The Government of India have agreed to conduct of a UNDP Global Research Project on "Social and Economic Implications of Large Scale Introduction of New

Varieties of Foodgrains" in India. The Project for which a grant of \$40,000 will be provided by the UNDP is aimed at identifying the economic and social factors effecting the introduction of high yielding varieties and the socio-economic changes associated with the changing technology. It is proposed to conduct the study in five districts in wheat growing areas in India, namely Muzaffarnagar (Uttar Pradesh), Ferozepur (Punjab), Karnal (Haryana), Tikamgarh (Madhya Pradesh and Kota (Rajasthan) through selected research institutes. The study will be carried out by collecting detailed information from a sample of cultivating and other households in selected villages in these areas.

Statement of Food Minister of West Bengal regarding Supply of sub-standard Rice from F.C.I. Godown

150. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE :
DR. RANEN SEN :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Amrita Bazar Patrika dated the 14th June, 1972, a Calcutta daily regarding the statement of Food Minister of West Bengal in connection with supply of substandard and rotten rice from the Food Corporation of India godown; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) The news item in question does not refer to any "statement" by Food Minister of West Bengal. It says that the Minister has objected to distribution of "sub-standard" wheat and rice.

(b) : The matter was discussed with the Food Minister, West Bengal, and necessary steps are being taken to improve the quality