

(c) if so, the facts thereof and the reaction of Central Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D P YADAV): (a) to (c). The recommendation of the National Committee that the Nirvan Day, i.e. 13th November, 1974, should be declared as a dry day and meatless day, when all slaughter houses would be closed and no meat would be served in public eating-houses—was conveyed to all the State Governments for their consideration.

Damage to paddy crop in Raipur, M.P.

3753 SHRI P. SHENOY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the paddy crop has totally failed in drought affected areas of Raipur Division in Madhya Pradesh, and

(b) if so, the steps taken to prevent the failure of crops due to drought in this area in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL): (a) and (b) The information has been called from the State Government and it will be laid on the Table of the Sabha, as soon as it is received.

Subsidy given under scheme of marginal farmers and Agricultural Labourers Development in Karnataka:

3756. SHRI P. SHENOY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of subsidy paid so far under the scheme of Marginal Farmers and Agricultural Labourers Development Agency in Karnataka State, Agency-wise; and

(b) whether any assessment of the benefit under the scheme has been made and if so, what are the conclusions arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) The total amount of grant-in-aid paid upto November, 1974 since inception under the scheme of Marginal Farmers and Agricultural Labourers Development Agency in Karnataka State, Agency-wise, is indicated below—

(Rs. in lakhs)

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| (i) M. F. A. L. Tumkar | 61.25 |
| (ii) M. F. A. L. Bijapur | 64.66 |

Total: 125.91

(b) Programme Evaluation Organisation, Planning Commission is undertaking an evaluation of S.F.D.A./M.F.A.L. on all India basis which is in progress.