

### Emergency Rice plan in West Bengal

46 SHRI R. N. BARMAN Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the West Bengal Government has prepared an emergency plan for the next rabi season

(b) if so, nature of the plan, and

(c) whether Centre's approval has been sought for this plan and if so, when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL) (a) to (c) The State Government of West Bengal has prepared a programme for bringing additional area under Rabi crops to offset the damage caused to Kharif crops by floods, cyclone and drought. The programme is to cover an additional area of 2.35 lakh acres comprising of 1.47 lakh acres of wheat, 0.47 lakh acres of Boro paddy, 0.21 lakh acres of pulses, 0.14 lakh acres of oilseeds and 0.052 lakh acres of potatoes.

### Cost of production of paddy and raw jute in States

47 SHRI S. P. BHATTACHARYYA Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state the cost of production of paddy

and raw jute per acre item-wise in different states?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL) Under the Comprehensive Scheme for Studying the Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops in India, launched by the Ministry, estimates of cost of production of paddy per hectare have been computed for the year 1971-72 for Andhra Pradesh and for 1971-72 and 1972-73 for Orissa (provisional). These estimates are given in the enclosed statement. Data on cost of production of paddy have also been collected for 1971-72, 1972-73 and 1973-74 for a number of other States; these are at various stages of scrutiny, compilation, processing and analysis.

Under the Scheme raw jute has been taken up as the principal crop for study in the States of Assam, Bihar, Orissa and West Bengal during 1973-74 and 1974-75. Data collected for 1973-74 are being scrutinised and compiled by the agencies entrusted with the field work in the concerned States. The compiled data are still to be received in the Ministry for further analysis. It would be some time before these data are received here and estimates of cost of production of raw jute generated for the 1974-75 crop; the field work is in progress.

#### Statement

Cost of Cultivation: Yield per Hectare and Cost of Production Per Quintal of Paddy (Rs. per hectare)

S No	Item of Cost	Andhra Pradesh 1971-72	Orissa @	
			1971-72	1972-73
1	Human labour	331.23	253.97	260.08
2	Bullock labour	105.98	145.48	137.36
3	Machine labour	22.87	0.79	