

Green Revolution

119. SHRI DINESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to study made by the National Council of Applied Economic Research the green revolution in this country was exhausting itself; and

(b) if so, steps being taken by the Government to revive it, especially in States where the productivity of land is on the decline?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL): (a) The National Council of Applied Economic Research have not conducted any study as such on the subject. They have, however, made a "mid-year review of the Indian Economy 1974-75" in their quarterly journal "Margin" of October, 1974. This review has not specifically concluded that the green revolution was exhausting itself. Only a general observation has been made that "in foodgrains it would look as if the green revolution is exhausting itself".

(b) The Government is aware of the situation and steps are being taken for increasing productivity particularly in those areas where it is low. The various programmes undertaken include (i) implementation of high-yielding varieties programmes in irrigated and assured rainfall areas; (ii) development and introduction of new high-yielding varieties for regional agro-climatic preferences; (iii) implementation of a larger programme of integrated development of irrigation commands; (iv) launching of an intensive training programme in the north eastern States for educating the farmers to advance the sowing of rice crop in the region; (v) implementation of a special programme for raising community nurseries for supply of rice

seedling for transplanting at the proper time; and (vi) efficient use of fertilisers and pesticides and improving the management practices. The production programme during Fifth Plan will cover not only irrigated agriculture but also dry farming on a large scale following the techniques so far learnt in the pilot projects on dry farming.

New Pay Scales of University and College Teachers in Meghalaya

120. SHRI B. K. DASCHOW-DHURY:

SHRI BIREN ENGTI:

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

(a) whether teachers of colleges in Meghalaya under the North Eastern Hill (Central) University demonstrated for the implementation of new pay scales of University and college teachers announced by him in the House; and

(b) the reasons for the non-implementation of these new pay scales in Meghalaya?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): (a) According to the information furnished by the University, no demonstration was held by the teachers of Colleges in Meghalaya affiliated to the North Eastern Hill University for implementation of new scales of pay. However, a resolution passed by them, expressing solidarity with the demand of the All India Federation of Teachers in that behalf was received by Meghalaya Government.

(b) The Government of India have offered to all the State Governments, including Government of Meghalaya, financial assistance if they wish to adopt for teachers in the State Universities and colleges in the States, the pay scales approved for

teachers in Central Universities Central assistance will also be available to the State Governments even if they decide, after taking into consideration local conditions, to introduce scales of pay different from but not higher, than those for Central Universities. The new scales may be enforced from January 1, 1973 or a later date.

Education of S.C. & S.T. Children in Punjab

121. SHRIMATI BIBHA GHOSH GOSWAMI:

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

(a) whether as many as eighty five per cent children belonging to Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in Punjab do not enter the school at all and six per cent of the rest discontinue before their middle class examinations;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) reaction of 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). Information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course

Starvation deaths in Jalpaiguri (West Bengal)

122. SHRIMATI BIBHA GHOSH GOSWAMI:

SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the

hundreds of starvation deaths in Jalpaiguri district in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to supply food there?

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

साधारणों की आवश्यकता, उत्पादन और निर्यात

123. श्री शिव कुमार शास्त्री :

श्री पी० एम० खेहता :

श्री सी० के० चन्द्रापवन :

श्री सी० जनार्दनन :

श्री मधु दंडवते :

श्री अजुन सेठी :

श्री कूल चन्द्र वर्मा :

श्री राम शंकर प्रसाद सिंह :

श्री एस० आर० दामाणी :

श्री चम्पनकर :

श्री शंकर बयाल सिंह :

क्या कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) वर्तमान खाद्य स्थिति को ध्यान में रखते हुए मई, 1975 तक देश में कितने अन्न की आवश्यकता होगी,

(ख) देश में कितना अन्न पैदा होने का अनुमान है और कमी की पूर्ति के लिये विदेशों से, देशवार, कितना अन्न आयात किया जावेगा, और

(ग) क्या सहायता के रूप में श्री कुल अन्न प्राप्त हुआ है जिसके लिये भुगतान नहीं करना पड़ेगा ?