

KHAN): (a) The Uttar Pradesh Agricultural Credit Project involving the total outlay of Rs. 54.30 crores with I.D.A. assistance of Rs. 28.50 crores to be routed through Government of India Agricultural Refinance and Development Corporation has been sanctioned. The Project covers 14 Eastern Districts of Uttar Pradesh including Faizabad. Against the above total assistance from I.D.A. Rs. 9.27 crores have been claimed till December, 1975 by Government of India. Agricultural Refinance Development Corporation will be providing these funds through financing agencies i.e., the Land Development Banks and the participating commercial banks in these districts.

In so far as Faizabad Division is concerned Rs. 12.20 crores in proposed to be provided through Land Development Bank and 6 participating commercial banks for the entire project period i.e. 1973-76.

(b) The Land Development Banks have disbursed Rs. 4.99 crores and the participating commercial banks estimated disbursement is Rs 0.82 crores upto November, 1975 in 5 out of 6 districts of Faizabad Division under the above project for Minor irrigation works.

Effect on consumers of incentives to sugar factories

456. **SHRI SARJOO PANDEY:**
SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state how far a higher percentage of levy-free sugar to new sugar factories and expansion projects in existing units and also concessions on excise duty would help sugarcane growers in U.P. as well as consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): The incentives are meant

primarily to render the newly licensed sugar factories and expansion in the existing ones to become economically viable in the face of the high cost of plant and machinery involved and thereby facilitate their early commissioning. The cane growers in the area will benefit indirectly by being able to sell their cane against additional requirements of the new production capacity and similarly the consumers from the resulting additional production of sugar.

Committee on Rural Unemployment

457. **SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the Committee on Rural Unemployment, under-employment among agricultural workers has been increasing; and

(b) if so, the suggestions of the Committee in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). A Study Team on Rural Employment and not a Committee, was constituted with a view to suggesting necessary measures for creating employment opportunities in rural areas. The Study Team have submitted its report which is now under consideration of the Government.

Long Term Programme initiated during International Women's Year

458. **SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn a long term programme for betterment of the lot of women which was initiated in 1975, to be fulfilled in the coming decade; and