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संस्थान में जुलाई 1973 में मुक्त/गोलाकार पर्लका उत्पादन किया था। यह तकनीको जापान में ग्रन्नाई जाने वाली तकनोकी जैसी हो है । इस तकनीकी का सुधार करने ग्रोर इसमें बेनहरो लाने तथा बड़े पैमाने पर पर्ल गूक्ति कल्चर की विधियों का विकास करने के लिए ग्रोर ग्रनुसधान किना जा रहा है। यह काम तूनोकोरिन (तमिल गड़) स्रोर विक्षिजम (केरल) मे किया जा रहा है । केरल सरकार ने पहले ही विकसित टक्तोनोजी के ग्राधार पर विझिजम मे पर्लं कल्चर की एक मागदर्शी परियोजना स्वीकृत की है । इस परियोजना को 11.09.000 रु० की लागत से पांच वर्गको अवधि में कार्यान्वित करने का प्रस्ताव है ।

केन्द्रीय अमुदी माल्म्य को अनुमधान संम्यान जान्न हो बडे पैमाने पर कल्चर सम्बन्धो काम हाथ में लेकर कुछ उम्म दवारा को प्रशिक्षित करने वे लिए एक प्रशिक्षग कार्यकम शरू करेगा। शरू मे उम्मीदवार गजगत, तमिलनाइ आर केरल राज्यों मे से लिए जायेगे जहां बड़े पमान पर "पर्लं कल्चर" की सम्भावनाये है ।

## Literacy among Agricultural Labourers, Rural and Urban Poor

2551. SHRI NOORUL HUDA: Will EDUCATION. the Minister of SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any statistics regarding percentage of literacy among agricultural labourers, rural and urban poor, who admittedly live below poverty line;

(b) what is the extent of literacy among slum dwellers; and

(c) whether Government have formulated special measures to remove illiteracy among those people and among certain backward communities like Harijans and Muslims and with what results?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, AND SOCAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) According to the information furnished by Registrar General the percentage of literacy among agricultural labourers in rural and urban areas arc as follows:-

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	Rural	Urban	Total
1971	15.71	21.98	15.97
1961	9.19	13.82	9.32

(b) Statistics are not available.

(c) The various adult education programmes currently being implemented by Government as well as non-Government agencies are designed largely to benefit the socio-economically less privileged sections of the society. About 10 lakh people are covered by these programmes each vear

## **Procurement Price and Market Price** of Foodgrains

2552. SHRI NOORUL HUDA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that there is a considerable gap between the procurement price and market price of grains (Paddy, wheat etc.);

(b) whether the Government have set up machinaries for preventing large scale distress sales by poor farmers:

(c) whether Central Government have advised the State Governments and the F.C.I. to purchase the grains which poor and lower middle peasants are forced to sell by offering them a little more than the procure. ment price; and

(d) what steps Central Government have taken to prevent concentration of foodgrains in the hands of the village rich and unscrupulous traders?