

- (3) It possesses field resistance to major diseases (except blast) and insect pests (except gall midge).
- (4) It is suitable for direct seeding, water stress conditions to some extent, and late sowing.
- (5) It has a good cooking and milling quality in spite of the presence of white belly.
- (6) It is suitable for fitting into various multiple cropping sequences that require short duration varieties. This is one of the main reasons for its wide adoption in multi-cropping system. It should however not be grown wherever blast is a problem.

Brazilian Aid for Mapping of Forests

2033. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the achievement of Brazil in mapping its forests with the help of radar;
- (b) whether such detailed mapping has helped locate vast mineral deposits; and
- (c) if so, whether the Government propose to seek Brazilian help in making out similar survey of our forests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB P. SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) This is being examined.

Yoga Conference in Chicago

2034. SHRI BIBHUTI MISHRA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item

which appeared in an English daily dated the 20th June, 1976 entitled 'Yoga Conference Opening in Chicago';

(b) if so, whether Indian experts of Yoga had displayed their 'yogic kriya' practically and gave instructions; and

(c) whether there is any scheme to propagate Yogashan all over the world?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some Indian experts spoke at the Conference, and displayed their 'Yogic Kriya'.

(c) There is no such scheme. However, Government are implementing a scheme for the promotion of Yoga in the country.

Breaches in Gandak Main Canal

2035. SHRI BIBHUTI MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether this year since after March 1976 invariably breaches were seen in Gandak Main Canal and its tributaries;

(b) if so, what constructive steps have been taken so far by the Central Government to check breaches;

(c) whether the Gandak Canal does require pucca cemented canal instead of earthen one; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR NATH SINGH): (a) There have been a few breaches in Gandak Canal after March,