

**Loss to crops due to drought and floods**

2059. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the extent of damage done to the crops by floods and droughts continues to increase unabated over the last decade;

(b) if so, the estimated loss caused to the crops as a result of these calamities year-wise; and

(c) steps taken to study the magnitude and nature of the problem in depth for suitable action programme in the 6th Five Year Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha on receipt.

(c) With a view to reducing the effect of droughts in the chronically drought affected areas of the country, Government initiated Drought Prone Areas Programme in 1970-71. Government have identified 74 districts wholly or partly in 13 States as chronically drought prone. To start with, this programme was focussed on execution of rural works and employment generation. Subsequently the programme was re-oriented on the basis of an area development approach. The strategy is to improve the economy of these areas through a package of infra-structural and on-farm development activities with the objective of optimal utilisation of land, water, human resources of the area covered. As at present, the programme will continue during the Fifth Plan. The position will be reviewed in due course. Similarly a National Flood Control Programme was launched in 1954 for affording reasonable flood protection measures to the flood prone areas. Since then, nearly one third of the flood prone area has been afforded reasonable protection. In order to conduct a

study in depth of the approach and programmes of flood control measures and aspects like Soil Conservation, afforestation; Government have recently decided to set up the Rashtriya Barh Ayog so as to evolve a coordinated, integrated and scientific approach to the Flood control problem and draw out a National Plan, fixing priorities which could be implemented in the near future. The commission will make its recommendations as soon as practicable but in any case within two years.

**हिन्दी के प्रचार के लिये समिति**

2060. श्री धनुना प्रसाद मंडल : क्या कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उनके मंत्रालय में राजभाषा हिन्दी की प्रगति और प्रचार के लिये कौन-कौन सी समितियां गठित की गई हैं और उनके सदस्य कौन-कौन हैं;

(ख) मंत्रालय तथा मंत्रालय के विभिन्न विभागों की राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समितियों की इस वर्ष कितनी बैठकें हुईं और उनके निर्णयों को कार्यान्वित करने के लिए क्या व्यवस्था की गई;

(ग) क्या इन समितियों की सर्वाधिक नियमित बैठकें नहीं होती तथा इनके निर्णयों को पूरी तरह कार्यान्वित नहीं किया गया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इन सम्बन्ध में उचित सुधार करने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्रालय में राज्य सचिव (श्री अम्मा साहिब पी० शिन्डे) : (क) कृषि मंत्रालय हिन्दी सलाहकार समिति के सदस्यों के नाम बिचरण में दिये गये हैं जो सभा पटल पर रखा गया है। [देखिए संख्या एल०टी०-11311/76]

(ब) से (ब). इस मंत्रालय के विभिन्न विभागों में राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समितियाँ स्थापित की गई हैं, जिनके अध्यक्ष सम्बन्धित संयुक्त सचिव हैं। इनमें से जाब, सिवाई और कृषि अनुसंधान तथा शिक्षा विभाग में इस वर्ष एक-एक बैठक हुई है। कृषि विभाग में 9 सितम्बर, 1976 को बैठक होनी है। ग्राम विकास विभाग में हिन्दी अधिकारी की नियुक्ति हो जाने के बाद शीघ्र एक समिति गठित किये जाने की आशा है। सम्बन्धित विभाग इन समितियों द्वारा लिये गये निर्णयों पर कार्यवाई कर रहे हैं।

कृषि और सिवाई मंत्री ने भी हिन्दी के प्रगामी प्रयोग के लिये एक धरूप की है। कृषि मंत्रालय में राजभाषा नियम, 1976 के नेजी से और समुचित क्रियान्वयन के लिये विभिन्न स्तरों के अधिकारियों की बैठकें भी की गई हैं।

#### Proposal to increase Sugarcane Price

2061. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to increase the prices of sugarcane in the coming season; and

(b) if so, the price proposed to be increased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b) The fixation of minimum sugarcane price for 1976-77 season is presently under consideration.

#### Nationalisation of Sugar Industry

2062. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state whether it is proposed to nationalise the sugar mills which are in private hands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): No decision has so far been taken by the Government on the question of nationalisation of the sugar industry.

#### Evaluation and Monitoring of Special Programme

2063. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have, under 20 Point programme, taken special steps to reorient and strengthen the monitoring and evaluation organisation for the special programmes of the Centre by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation; and

(b) if so, outline thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRABHU DAS PATEL) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir Special steps taken/or being taken include the setting up of a Central Monitoring Organisation in the Central Water Commission to watch the progress of the ongoing major irrigation schemes constitution of Central Teams to review periodically the progress of land identify the constraining factors in the development of ground water, and strengthening of Land Reforms Division in the Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation for ensuring more intensive monitoring and evaluation of the work done by the State Governments and the Union Territories Administrations. Likewise, monitoring of work relating to liquidation of Rural Indebtedness and programmes for weaker sections, like the Small and Marginal Farmers and Agricultural Labourers Development Agencies, Drought Prone Areas Programme etc. has been strengthened.

A Coordination Committee to oversee implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the 20 Point Programme in so far as it relates to the Ministry has also been constituted.