

4. All India Coordinated Millets Improvement scheme;

This scheme has also been drawn up with the assistance of the Rockefeller Foundation and its main objective is to increase cereal production through intensifying research on the improvement of millets. The scheme provides for the establishment of six main centres and eight sub-centres in different parts of the country in the scheme has been approved for inclusion in the Fourth Five Year Plan and action has been initiated to put it into effect from 1986-87. The Rockefeller Foundation have provided the services of an Expert under the Cereal Improvement Programme and that expert is coordinating this project also.

5. All India Coordinated Sorghum Improvement scheme:

This project has been formulated to intensify research on the improvement of Sorghum and provides for the establishment of eight centres and seven sub-centres in different parts of India. In this project the help that is available at the Regional PIRRCOM Centres at Hyderabad, Coimbatore and Kanpur in different disciplines will also be utilised. This scheme is to be executed in collaboration with the State Governments who will provide necessary land and buildings etc. free of cost.

6. All India Coordinated Maize Improvement scheme:

With a view to evolve high yielding varieties of hybrid maize suitable for different agro-climatic conditions in India a scheme entitled "Coordinated Maize Breeding Scheme" is running for the last several years. Under this scheme five main centres and ten sub-centres have been established in different parts of the country. The scheme is to be continued in the Fourth Plan on an expanded basis. As a result of research undertaken in the scheme a large number of hybrids have been evolved. Nine hybrids have finally been released for large scale cultivation in different regions of the country. These hybrids have the

capacity to give increase in yield ranging from 20 to 50 per cent compared with the local varieties under good conditions of fertilization and management. Some of them contain higher starch proportion and as such have great commercial potentialities. Prospects of releasing other hybrids in future are very bright.

7. Coordinated Pulses Improvement Scheme:

In addition to the above, a project for Intensification of Coordinated research for the Improvement of Pulses has also been sanctioned for a period of five years at an estimated cost of Rs. 35 lakhs with the collaboration of USAID. The scheme has been put into effect at I.A.R.I. centre with effect from December, 1985. The work on the scheme will also be carried out at three other main centres in Agricultural Universities namely, Pantnagar (U.P.), Ludhiana (Punjab), and Rajendranagar (A.P.) The U.S. Government have agreed to contribute the services of scientists in the field of Plant Breeding, Plant Pathology, Entomology and Agronomy with necessary supporting personnel. Work in the different main centres as well as the branch locations will be coordinated by a Project Coordinator.

Agricultural Staff College

18. Shri P. C. Borooah:
 Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
 Shri Bhagwat Jia Azad:
 Shri Subodh Hansda:
 Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Shri Shree Narayan Das:

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Agricultural Staff College is proposed to be set up in India on the lines of the Imperial Staff College, London as suggested by Dr. V. K. Rao, Member Planning Commission; and

(b) if so, the broad details thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri

Shinde): (a) and (b). The proposal to set up a Central Staff College in India during the Fourth Five Year Plan has been agreed upon in principle but the details of the project are still under examination.

Area covered by Cash Crops

**19. Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Hukam Chand
Kachhavalaya:**

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey to determine as to how much new area has been covered by the cash crops during the last one year in different States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

The Deputy Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shinde): (a) and (b). Statistics of area under cash crops become available when the Final Estimates of the crops are issued. There is no provision in the existing system of collection of statistics to determine how much of the area is new and how much is old.

Central Advisory Council of Ship-building and Ship-repairing

**20. Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**

Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Advisory Council on ship-building and ship-repairing is functioning;

(b) if so, its personnel;

(c) how many meetings of the Council have been held since its formation; and

(d) the subjects discussed there at and the recommendations made to Government?

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) A list of the members of the Council is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-5429/68].

(c) Only one meeting of the Council has been held so far.

(d) The Council discussed in general the problems confronting the ship-building and ship-repairing industries and particularly the shortage of essential raw materials and equipment.

The Council has made the following recommendations to Government:

(i) A ship designs Centre should be established as soon as possible.

(ii) Government should try to persuade the Port Authorities at Calcutta and Visakhapatnam to earmark repair berths.

मरमोगोष्ठा पत्तन

**21. श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :
श्री जगवेश सिंह सिद्धास्त्री :
श्री हुकम चन्द कक्षबाय :
श्री लिंग रेड्डी :**

क्या परिवहन, उद्भयन, नीवहन तथा पबंटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मरमोगोष्ठा पत्तन का विकास करने के लिये कोई कार्यक्रम बनाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो वह कार्यक्रम कब तक पूरा हो जायेगा; और

(ग) क्या इस काम के लिये कोई राशि नियत की गई है ?

परिवहन, उद्भयन, नीवहन तथा पबंटन मंत्री (श्री संबीव रेड्डी) : (क) जी हाँ। मरमोगोष्ठा पत्तन को लगभग 400 टन