

(a) whether Government propose to deploy army in certain sensitive areas in Punjab;

(b) whether Government also propose to deploy the National Army comprising of the ex-servicemen in the towns and villages located near the Indo-Pak border to assist and coordinate with the para-military forces in apprehending the terrorists and other anti-national elements; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c). Government have no plans as yet for deployment of the Army in the areas mentioned. There is no force called 'National Army' and the question of deployment of such a force does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Supply of Drinking Water to Villages in Uttar Pradesh

10337. DR. BENGALI SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Uttar Pradesh has sought World Bank assistance for supply of drinking water in various villages and towns and for projects relating to environmental improvement;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) Government of Uttar Pradesh had sent a proposal to Central Government for World

Bank assistance for an Integrated Project for Drinking Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation in various villages and towns. This preliminary Project proposal was not accepted by the World Bank Mission which visited the State. The State Government has been asked to prepare a revised project proposal.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Members of Parliament in Jails

10338. DR. BENGALI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of Members of Parliament who are presently in jails?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): As per information available, only one Member of Parliament is in Jail.

[*English*]

National Agricultural Policy

10339. SHRI ANBARASU ERA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the main objectives of National Agricultural Policy have been to achieve self sufficiency in food production and also to increase farm income;

(b) if so, how far these objectives have been achieved; and

(c) if these objectives have not been achieved the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The country has been able to achieve virtual self-sufficiency in foodgrains production under normal weather conditions. The production of foodgrains has increased from 50.8 million tonnes in 50-51 to 170.25 million in 1988-89.

The farm incomes have also shown considerable increase during the period. The gross domestic product (at 1980-81 prices) from agricultural sector including forestry, logging, fishing etc. increased from Rs. 242 billion in 1950-51 to Rs. 656 billion in 1988-89.

Wheat Production

10340. SHRI ANBARASU ERA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been adequate production of wheat in 1988-89 and 1989-90;

(b) if so, whether any alternative crop, to wheat has been suggested to the farmers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Wheat production during 1988-89 was 54 million tonnes. During 1989-90 it is likely to be around 53 million tonnes.

(b) and (c). Farmers are being advised /motivated to diversify low productivity wheat areas to other crops particularly, pulses and oilseeds.

Reviewing of agricultural Programme

10341. SHRI ANBARASU ERA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government asked State Governments to review Central Agricultural Programme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken by State Governments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b). The review of the progress of the implementation of the schemes has been made by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation regularly in the various meetings and conferences conducted from time to time. The State Governments are requested from time to time to take appropriate steps for speedy and effective implementation of the schemes so as to achieve the target set. Recently, a National Conference on Agriculture for Kharif Campaign 1990 was conducted on April, 10, 11, and 12 1990, in which State Agriculture Ministers, State Agriculture Secretaries and State Agriculture Production Commissioners participated and the progress of various programmes was reviewed.

Difference in the prices of Indigenous and Imported Fertilizers

10342. SHRI ANBARASU ERA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any difference in the prices of imported and indigenously produced fertilizers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for dependence on imports more than on indigenous productions?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) There is no difference in the