

Use of Synthetic Fertilizers by Farmers

8073. SHRI P. PENCHALLIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are any demerits of using synthetic fertilizers by farmers; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA):
(a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.

Turka Disease in Mulberry

8074. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Turka' a dangerous disease has caused widespread damage to mulberry crops in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu and is spreading to other States where mulberry is grown;

(b) whether this disease cannot be controlled by conventional insecticides;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Union Government to check this disease immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA):
(a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Implementation of Rural Development Schemes

8075. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:
SHRI ERA ANBARASU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new rural development scheme for the upliftment of the rural population in the country are proposed to be launched by Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) and (b). The Finance Minister, in his Budget speech for the year 1990-91 has announced that a new Employment Guarantee Scheme is proposed to be taken up in Drought Prone Areas and Areas of acute unemployment. The details of the scheme are being worked out.

{ Translation }

Expenditure of Ensuing Census

8076. SHRI JANARDAN TIWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure likely to be incurred on the ensuing census in the country and the provision made for this purpose in the Budget;

(b) when the work of enumeration is likely to be started and the time by which it would be completed;

(c) whether arrangements have been

made for obtaining details regarding various categories of unemployed people under this census; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The total expenditure likely to be incurred on the ensuing census in the country for the year 1990-91 is Rs. 110.94 crores and a provision has been made accordingly in the 1990-91 budget.

(b) The work of main enumeration for the 1991 Census will commence on February 9, 1991 and it will be completed by March 5, 1991 in all States and Union Territories except in Jammu & Kashmir where owing to difficult weather conditions, it will be conducted during September 11 to October 5, 1990 in Leh and Kargil districts and during August 1 to August 25, 1991 in rest of the State. In a few snow bound and inaccessible areas, a separate time table has been drawn for conducting the census.

(c) and (d). The details regarding various categories of unemployed people as such will not be collected in the ensuing census. However, information on the different categories of non-workers will be obtained. Further, every non-worker will be asked in the 1991 Census whether he or she is seeking/available for work and if so, whether he or she has ever worked before.

[English]

Supply of Fertilizers to States

8077. SHRI P. NARSA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been able to meet the requirement of fertilisers of

various States during 1988-89 and 1989-90;

(b) if not, the demand of fertilizer made by Andhra Pradesh during the said period and the quantity actually supplied to them, year-wise; and

(c) whether the same is sufficient to meet the requirements of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

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

Pest Control Projects

8078. SHRIMATI SUBHASHINI ALI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the terms of Indo-US collaboration in pest control projects and the areas of research and work done so far;

(b) whether there are any other field level projects working for the control of pests; and

(c) if so, the details of areas of operation and research?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) Sir. The Indo-US collaboration projects on pest control are funded through the US-India Rupee Fund (USIF). The terms demand that these projects should be mutual interest to both the countries. The projects cover pests of mango, wheat, breeding for pest resistance, insect taxonomy, pesticides and biological control.