

(b) An amount of Rs. 2401.56 lakh has been incurred on horticultural development in Seventh Plan.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). Various horticultural development programme are proposed to be implemented during Eighth Plan. The schemes that are presently under implementation are as follow;

- (i) Programmes by Coconut Development Board.
- (ii) Programmes by National Horticulture Board.
- (iii) Intensive development of fruits and vegetables.

The Programmes relating to fruits and vegetables cover all States in the country. The Coconut Development Board schemes are at present spread over Kerala, Karnataka, Lakshadweep, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar.

Evaluation of Working of ICAR

8171. SHRIMAJORANJAN BHAKTA
SHRI P. NARSA REDDY
SHRI ERA ANBARASU

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether working of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is evaluated periodically;

(b) if so, whether any such evaluation was undertaken recently; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA):

(a) to (c). Sir, the working of ICAR is reviewed as and when felt necessary. In 1987, a Committee headed by Dr. G.V.K. Rao, former Member, Planning commission looked into the infrastructure, set-up, personnel policies and working of ICAR and its Institutes, and submitted its report on 25.3.1988. The Report has been examined and the recommendations of the Committee have broadly been accepted for implementation.

Paddy Cultivation in Hill Areas

8172. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the per acre production of paddy in hill areas of the country is comparatively low; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to encourage paddy cultivation in hill areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA):

(a) The Average productivity levels of rice in Hill areas of Uttar Pradesh, Tripura, Mainpur and Jammu & Kashmir are higher than the national average. However, the productivity is low in Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Himachal Pradesh.

(b) to encourage the cultivation of paddy, location specific High Yielding Varieties are being propagated and adoption of improved rice production technology is advocated.