

Bodos Agitation

6743. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in solving the Bodos issue;

(b) whether Government have agreed to give Autonomy to Bodos;

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c). In pursuance to the latest round of tripartite discussion held between the Central Government, Assam Government and All Bodo Students' Union on 18.4.1990, a small Committee with representative from All Bodo Students Union, Bodo Peoples Action Committee, Government of Assam and Government of India is being set up. This Committee would be making recommendations suggesting suitable solutions to the techno-political and developmental problems of Bodos and other Plains Tribals in Assam within the framework of the constitution of India and will work out the details of an administrative, political and legal arrangement for devolution of powers acceptable to all sections of people living in the State. The Committee is to submit its report in the next round of talks scheduled to be held on 2.7.1990.

EEC Assistance for Agricultural Wholesale Markets

6744. PROF. K.V. THOMAS. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether European Economic Community has agreed to finance the agri-

cultural wholesale markets and similar projects in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the economic assistance proposed to be provided to each of the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) and (b). The European Economic Community have entered into an agreement with India for development of three large regional agricultural markets and three smaller district markets in Kerala. The project also provides assistance for monitoring and evaluation and special consultancy services. The project provides for supply of fertilisers valued at 18.10 million European currency units through Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India and 0.55 million European currency units for monitoring evaluation etc. The project is being implemented in Kerala.

Termination of Services of Executive Director and Director of C-DOT

6745. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT
SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA
MURTHY:
SHRI P.C. THOMAS:
SHRI K.S. RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Executive Director and Director C-DOT had given a dissenting note to KPP Nambiar C-DOT Committee Report if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether services of these two officers have been terminated;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether a large number of engineers working in C-DOT have expressed their resentment over their removal; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir. The matter is under consideration of the Government.

(b) and (c) In respect of Shri G.B Meemamsi, Executive Director it was decided not to continue with his services, since he had crossed the age of 60 years

In case of Shri D R. Mahajan, Director, his tenure of appointment had expired and extension was not granted

(d) and (e) Some representations have been received. The position has been explained to them

Disease Affecting Banana Cultivation

6746. SHRI KADAMBUR M R JANARDHANAN Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) the diseases that mostly affect the banana cultivation;

(b) whether a variety of banana called as Robesto, is affected by pest attack even at the seedling stage; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to help banana cultivators from these difficulties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):

(a) The diseases that mostly affect the Banana cultivation are - Panama wilt, leaf spot, anthracnose, cigar end rot and bunchy top.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. The control strategy developed and recommended for adoption by the farmers to check pest disease attack includes planting of healthy and disease free and suckers, adoption of proper orchard management practices, judicious application of pesticides, roguing and destruction of diseased plants and observing domestic plant quarantine measures.

Potato Growing States

6747. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHA RAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the main potato growing States;

(b) whether the Potato growers in Karnataka are facing hardship as there are no adequate marketing facilities;

(c) whether they are also not getting remunerative prices for their produce; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to create adequate marketing facilities and also to purchase potatoes from the farmers of Karnataka at reasonable prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):

(a) The main potato growing states are Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh Assam and Gujarat.

(b) and (c). No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.