

To help the users of pesticides to take safety precautions, the labels and leaflets accompanied with the container of pesticides carry all the necessary information in minimum of three languages, including one regional language. Besides, the extension functionaries of both Central and State Government periodically organise training for the benefit of farmers to ensure judicious and safe use of pesticides.

(d) The High level Expert Committee as mentioned in reply to part (c) of the Question has been entrusted with the responsibility of finding out safer substitutes for highly toxic pesticides. This Committee comprises *inter-alia* experts from various concerned National Institutes in the country.

#### Setting up of District Level Panels for Bonded Labour

\*16. SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA :  
SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal under the consideration of Government to set up district level panels for bonded labour as reported in the "Indian Express" dated 1 October, 1985 ;

(b) if so, whether Government have issued any guidelines to State Governments in this regard ; and

(c) if so, details thereof and by when such panels would start functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH) : (a) to (c) The procedure for sanction of rehabilitation schemes has been simplified with effect from 17th September, 1985 whereby the State Governments have been allowed to delegate powers for sanction of rehabilitation scheme to the District Collectors/ Divisional Commissioners by setting up Screening Committees at the District level. (Prior to that, such powers vested with the State Governments). The details of the guidelines issued to the State Governments in this regard are as follow.

(i) It will be open to the State Governments to constitute District level Screening Committees for sanctioning schemes for rehabilitation of bonded labourers, wherever considered necessary. The Committee will comprise of the District and/or Divisional level officers belonging to the Department administering the programme of bonded labour in the State as well as of the Departments of Agriculture, Irrigation, Co operation, Rural Development, Animal Husbandry and such other Departments, as considered appropriate, as members. Representatives of the financial institutions in the area may also be included in the Committee.

(ii) The funds towards the State share of assistance would be placed at the disposal of the District Collectors/ Divisional Commissioners in advance by the State Governments on the basis of the target for rehabilitation of bonded Labourers.

(iii) A Monitoring and Review Committee would be set up at the State level which will meet every quarter to monitor the progress of rehabilitation of bonded labourers and make suitable recommendations.

The State Governments have been requested to expedite the setting up of District level Screening Committees. It is expected that such Committees would start functioning soon.

[Translation]

#### Installation of a TV Tower at Pitampura, Delhi

\*17. SHRI BHARAT SINGH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the scheme of installation of a TV tower at Pitampura, Delhi for extending the range of Delhi Doordarshan ;

(b) the additional rural and urban areas of Delhi that will be covered under

Delhi Doordarshan range as a result thereof ; and

(c) the details of programmes for making television more and more popular in the near future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : The proposed TV Tower at Pitampura will have a height of 235 metres. It is likely to be completed in the later half of 1986. On commissioning, the service range of Delhi TV would increase from 110 Kms. to 140 Kms.

(b) An additional population of 10.41 million including a rural population of 8.27 million will come under the range of the new transmitter.

(c) Improvements of programmes is a continuous process. New programmes like Newslines, Such Ki Parchaiyan have been introduced. Further programmes likely to be commenced include series on Science, Space, and Walt Disney cartoons etc.

[English]

Damage Caused to Paddy Crops by "Gad-fly" in Vidarbha Region in Maharashtra.

\*18. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a study team has visited Vidarbha region in Maharashtra State to assess the damage caused by 'gad-fly' to paddy crops recently ;

(b) if so, whether the study team has submitted its report to Government ; and

(c) the remedial measures adopted by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Central Study Team visited the gad-fly endemic area of Vidarbha region (Distt. Nagpur) in Maharashtra during

October, 1985. Based upon the report of the Team, the State Government has been advised to take curative and preventive action.

(c) By and large, the chemical control measures have been adopted to control gad-fly in the endemic area as referred to under part (a) of the Question. However, to contain the menace more effectively, the following recommendations have been made :—

- (i) Replacement of existing susceptible varieties with suitable resistant and tolerant varieties of rice.
- (ii) Seedling root-dip treatment before transplanting and use of granular insecticides on area basis in the endemic pockets.
- (iii) Popularising cultural and agronomic practices.
- (iv) Systematic pest monitoring for timely control operations.

#### Promotion of Integrated pest Management

\*19. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADKAR PATIL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the measures taken or proposed to be taken to promote Integrated Pest Management ; and

(b) how far these measures have proved effective in controlling pests ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a) The Government have accorded high priority to crop protection research and extension in order to promote Integrated Pest Management and the following measures have been taken in this regard :—

- (i) Breeding and popularising pest and disease tolerant/resistant varieties of crops.
- (ii) Evolving and advocating suitable cultural and agronomic