

Government regarding the fall in prices and inadequate domestic marketing facilities.

Wage Boards for Workers in Unorganised Sector

*715. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA :

SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to constitute Wage Boards for the workers in the unorganised sector who are unable to negotiate effectively even to secure minimum wages;

(b) if so, the details of the sectors likely to be covered; and

(c) when these boards are likely to be constituted ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH) : (a) to (c). The question of setting up Wage Boards for the workers in the unorganised sector is being examined.

Pilot Projects for increase in Rice Production in Orissa

*716, SHRI ANANDI CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the Central scheme of pilot projects taken up in Orissa during 1984-85 to increase the productivity and production of rice;

(b) the objectives of the pilot projects;

(c) the future programmes/plans in this regard; and

(d) whether Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes will get some special benefit under this programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL GHANDRAKAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. A Rice Pilot Project was taken up in Orissa during 1984-85 in seven blocks.

(b) The objective of the Pilot Project was to identify the constraints operating at block level against steady increase in production and productivity of rice and to overcome some of the constraints amenable to short term remedies.

(c) During the Seventh Five Year Plan 1985-90 a special rice production programme for increasing rice production and productivity would be implemented in six eastern states including Orissa. Under this programme, measures will be taken to overcome both short and long term constraints in rice production.

(d) Under this programme all the farmers including Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes will be benefitted.

Amount Released for Small and Marginal Farmers to Increase Production

*717. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALICK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Government have recently released some amount in favour of small and marginal farmers as assistance all over the country to enable them to increase agricultural production; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the amount released ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL GHANDRAKAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement showing the details regarding the amount released during 1984-85 under the scheme is laid on the Table of the Sabha.