

(b) if so, the amount assured in each case?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHOLA PASWAN SHASTRI) : (a) The pattern of financial assistance during the Fifth Five Year Plan is under the consideration of the Planning Commission, as the Fifth Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised.

(b) Does not arise.

Difficulties in implementation of Crash Programme for Rural Employment

*996. SHRI S. A. MURUGANANTHAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the difficulties experienced by the State Governments and District administrations in implementing the crash scheme for rural employment;

(b) whether these difficulties have been overcome; and

(c) the latest position in regard to the progress made by the scheme in different States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) and (b) The States experienced difficulties in keeping the expenditure on supervisory staff within 3 per cent of the total outlay and limiting the expenditure on materials to 20 per cent of the total outlay. The limit of expenditure on supervisory staff was raised from 3 per cent to 5 per cent and the overall ratio of expenditure on materials was raised to 30 per cent of the total outlay. Some of the States required additional road rollers and railway wagons on priority basis. The indigenous production of road rollers during 1971-72 and 1972-73 was much short of requirements. The matter was taken up with the Ministry of Heavy Industry which is taking steps to increase production. The

Ministry of Railways was also requested to arrange for railway wagons on priority basis.

(c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4980/73.]

Abolition of Posts of Supervisors in Sugar Factory and its effect on Production of Sugar

*997. SHRI GENDA SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had appointed Supervisors for each sugar factory and now the posts have been abolished; and

(b) whether this has affected the production of sugar in each factory ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) Government had never appointed Supervisors in sugar factories. The reference is apparently to the withdrawal in 1969, of the 'Excise Inspectors by the Ministry of Finance consequent on the introduction of the self removal procedure'.

(b) No, Sir.

Seminar on Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy

*998. SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR :

SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Seminar on Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy was held in New Delhi on the 10th February, 1973; and

(b) if so, the subjects discussed there-at ?