

rabi crops is expected to show an increase over 1971-72 in some of the States like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Punjab and Haryana. In the States of Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Rajasthan, where rains have continued to be deficient in the rabi season, rabi crop output may register some fall. The overall shortage of power and fertilizers might effect to some extent the production which otherwise on account of the special efforts would have registered a substantial rise. While increase over last years' rabi production is expected in the country as a whole as a result of the special efforts, firm estimates of production would become available only after the close of the agricultural year, that is, some time in July-August, 1973.

In some States facing power shortage, highest priority has been given to agriculture in the supply of power by cutting down on industrial, domestic and other categories of consumption. In Punjab and Haryana, the situation is being met by reducing for about two months power supply to the Nangal Fertiliser Factory and diverting the same to agriculture. As regards fertilisers, measures have been taken to ensure equitable distribution of available supplies among the various States. Also, farmers have been advised on dosage, frequency, mode of fertiliser application and composition of fertilisers mix, besides other appropriate measures taken to ensure that maximum production is achieved with the quantities of fertilisers actually available.

Steps to give proper place to Urdu

*97. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to give Urdu language a proper place in all the States;

(b) whether any instructions have been issued by the Centre to the State Governments; and

(c) if so, their reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

State Governments attention has been invited from time to time through the Report of the Commissioner of Linguistic Minorities regarding facilities for instruction in Urdu at primary and secondary level. In order to help the State Governments in the matter of training of teachers and provision of books in Urdu on all subject at secondary level, Government have organised training courses for teaching Urdu at the Regional Language Centre at Patiala; the National Council for Educational Research and Training are producing model books in Urdu.

The Government have also established a Central Board, known as Tarraqi-e-Urdu Board, for the production of academic literature, scientific books, children literature, reference works, encyclopaedia, basic texts, etc.

Central grants are made available to cultural-cum-language organisations for publication of Urdu books and research in various subjects and also to voluntary organisations and individuals for publication and purchase of reference books, like dictionaries, encyclopaedia and other popular books on literary, scientific and linguistic subjects in modern Indian languages, which includes Urdu. Facilities have also been made available in selected Central Schools for teaching of Urdu Language.

In order to pursue the promotion of Urdu in States in a co-ordinated manner, Government have set up a High-

powered Committee to advise on the measures to be adopted for the promotion of Urdu language and steps required to be taken to provide adequate facilities for Urdu-speaking people in educational, cultural and administrative matters. The Committee have been examining witnesses and are having consultation with the State Governments. It is expected that the report of the Committee would be available shortly. The report will receive due consideration by the Government.

Information is being collected from all State Governments regarding the steps they have taken to promote Urdu Language and to provide for its teaching in schools.

कीट नाशक दवाओं का विमानों द्वारा छिड़का जाना

98. श्री लालजी भाई : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में किन-किन स्थानों में विमानों तथा हेलीकोप्टरों द्वारा कीट नाशक दवाओं की छिड़कने की सुविधाएं उपलब्ध हैं;

(ख) सरकार की उक्त योजना की मुख्य बातें क्या हैं; और

(ग) वर्ष 1970-71 और 1971-72 में किन स्थानों में तथा कितने एकड़ भूमि में विमानों द्वारा इन दवाओं का छिड़काव किया गया ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री प्रणना-साहिब पी० शिन्दे) : (क) से (ग). एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है। [मंत्रालय में रखा गया बेलिये संख्या LT-4282/73]

Reaction of Kerala Government to taking over of wholesale Trade in Foodgrains

*99. SHRI M. M. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kerala Government was prepared to fall in line with the Centre's policy of taking over the wholesale trade in foodgrains provided the State's full requirement of rice was guaranteed by the Centre; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Within the overall availability, all reasonable requirement of the State Government for issue of foodgrains from General pool will continue to be met.

Legislation on Rural Service for Doctors

*100. SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD:

SHRI R. S. PANDEY:

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

(a) whether Government propose to enact legislation or advise the State Governments to bring legislation to make rural service for doctors for certain period compulsory; and

(b) whether any State Government has approached the Centre in this regard?