

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Civics is included in the curriculum of Central Schools and is taught as a compulsory subject under Social Studies upto Class VIII only. Commerce has not yet been included in the curriculum of Central Schools.

(b) No case of any student leaving a Central School for want of these subjects has come to the attention of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

(c) The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan which provide a uniform pattern of Education for children of transferable Central Government employees have adopted only a limited number of subjects from among those prescribed by the Central Board of Secondary Education for whose examination these schools prepare the students. Due to financial and administrative reasons Commerce and Civics were not introduced as elective subjects in classes IX—XI. However, in the context of the introduction of the new pattern of education, the adoption of the vocational courses including Commerce is being looked into.

#### Project Reports on Landless Labour

\*386. SHRI NATHU RAM AHIRWAR: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) how many project reports for landless labour have been approved by the Ministry of Works and Housing in each State during the last three years; and

(b) the amount involved?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHOLA PASWAN SHASTRI: (a) and (b). The Scheme for provision of house-sites to landless workers in rural areas, was introduced

in October 1971. No project proposals were sanctioned during the year 1971-72. A statement furnishing the requisite information for the years 1972-73 and 1973-74 is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-8217/74].

#### कृषि विश्वविद्यालयों में विद्यार्थी

\* 394. श्री श्रीरंकर लाल बेरवा : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कृषि विश्वविद्यालयों में कृषि विषय लेने वाले विद्यार्थियों की संख्या बहुत कम है ;

(ख) यदि हां तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) कृषि विश्वविद्यालयों में विद्यार्थियों की संख्या बढ़ाने के लिए वर्तमान योजना में क्या उपाय सम्मिलित किये गये हैं ताकि कृषि उत्पादन बढ़ जाये ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अण्णासाहेब पी० सिन्हे) : (क) जो नहीं।

(ख) इसका प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

(ग) देश में इस समय 19 कृषि विश्वविद्यालय और कुल मिलाकर 71 कृषि महाविद्यालय हैं। सन् 1969-73 के दौरान विभिन्न कृषि महाविद्यालयों में प्रतिवर्ष औसत 7,159 विद्यार्थियों ने प्रवेश प्राप्त किया। पाचवी पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में दो तथा जम्मू और कश्मीर में एक कृषि विश्वविद्यालय खोलने का प्रस्ताव है।

कितने विद्यार्थियों को दाखिल किया जाय, इसका निर्णय प्रत्येक संस्थान द्वारा राज्य सरकार की आवश्यकताओं और गैर सरकारी तथा स्वयं रोजगार प्राप्त करने की सम्भावनाओं

के मूल्यांकन के आधार पर किया जाता है। कृषि स्वातंत्र्य को व्यावहारिक अनुभव के लिए और अधिक सुविधाएँ देने से सम्बन्धित कदम उठाये गये हैं, ताकि वे कृषि उत्पादन बढ़ाने में कारगर ढंग से सहयोग दे सकें।

#### Scarcity conditions in Orissa

\*396. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in some parts of Orissa, there are scarcity conditions; and

(b) if so, the names of the districts and the steps taken or contemplated in this regard?

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

(b). Scarcity conditions have developed in scattered pockets in all districts except Ganjam. The State Government have declared scarcity conditions in 865 Gram Panchayats out of a total of 3828. However, during the week ending 14th August, 1974 most parts of the State received good rainfall which is likely to improve crop prospects and employment situation in the State.

2. The State Government have reported that they have sanctioned or are sanctioning following amounts for various relief measures:

Description	Amount already sanctioned	Amount being sanctioned
	Rs. lakhs	Rs. lakhs
1. Test Relief Grant for labour intensive works.	45	10
2. Gratuitous Relief for giving food and clothing to old and infirm.	4	3
3. Taccavi Loans	5	20

In addition the State Government have directed different departments to utilise development money available under both Plan and Non-Plan for creating employment potential.

#### World Table Tennis Game at Calcutta

\*396. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what arrangements have been made by the Centre to help the World Table Tennis game at Calcutta in 1975;

(b) whether the State Government has made any request to Government of India in this regard; and

(c) if so, the result thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The Table Tennis Federation of India is holding the 33rd World Table Tennis Championships in Calcutta during February, 1975. While seeking Government's clearance for holding this International sports event in India, the Federation had stated that no financial assistance would be needed from the Government of India if the Championships were held at a place other than New Delhi. The proposal to hold these Championships at Calcutta was cleared on this understanding.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. The State Government had asked for a grant for the construction of an Indoor Stadium at Calcutta in which the World Table Tennis Tournament was proposed to be held. They were informed that the Table Tennis Federation had envisaged holding of the Tournament in an improvised temporary hall. The understanding with the Table Tennis Federation was that the improvised facilities would be acceptable to the International Table Tennis Federation and that the construction of a new Hall would not be necessary.