

(b) whether Government have taken some further steps to step up Green Revolution in the country in future and if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) the special facilities provided to the farmers under this programme to help them proper exploitation of their lands and to increase the production therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) Government have no specific programme called "Green Revolution" as such. The success of the New Agricultural Strategy, launched from Kharif, 1966, has often been described as "Green Revolution" by many Foreign and Indian observers.

The High-Yielding varieties and Multiple Cropping programmes constitute the two major planks of the New Strategy, which have made this "break-through" possible. The progress under these programmes is reviewed by the Government from time to time. The general finding is that taking the country as a whole and taking all crops together, the progress made is satisfactory.

(b) Besides bringing larger areas under the High-Yielding Varieties and Multiple Cropping Programmes, the other steps taken include intensification of research, extension and farmers' training programmes; intensive development of irrigation; particularly ground-water resources; surveillance of pests and diseases and well organised plant protection operations, etc.

(c) The participating farmers are assured of required inputs *viz.* seeds, fertilisers, pesticides and credit. They are also provided training in the latest methods and techniques of raising high-yielding variety crops; efficient use of inputs, particularly fertilisers and better water management. Besides, effective and purposeful demonstrations are organised

on farmers' fields alongwith National Demonstrations.

Setting up of Steel Plant in Kerala

*258. SHRI M. K. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the decision on setting up of a steel plant in Kerala would be taken after knowing the extent and quality of the ore deposits in Kozhikode;

(b) if so, the findings of the geological survey; and

(c) the steps taken to set up a Steel Plant in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MOHAN KUMAR MANGALAM) : (a) to (c). The Geological Survey of India are yet to complete the investigations on the Kozhikode iron ore deposits. A view can be taken on any investment proposal only after the investigations have been completed.

Help by Indian Red Cross Society to East Pak. Refugees

*259. SHRI M. M. JOSEPH : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state the aid or help given by the Indian Red Cross Society to the refugees who came from East Bengal to India during the period January, 1971 to May, 1971?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : The Indian Red Cross Society have informed that their headquarters have so far allocated supplies worth about rupees eight lakhs eighty thousand to their State branches for providing relief to East Bengal refugees. A statement showing the details of allocation is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

Indian Red Cross Society

Supplies allocated by headquarters to various State Branches for East Bengal refugee relief

| | Assam | Tripura | West Bengal |
|---|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 Milkpowder | 22,500 kgs | 10,200 kgs | 15,800 kgs |
| 2 Baby milkpowder | 516 kgs | 276 kgs | 312 kgs. |
| 3 Ovomaltine | 300 kgs | — | — |
| 4 Clothes, cotton/woollen | 3,500 | 8,600 | 6,500 |
| 5 Woollen pullovers | 6,770 | 1,690 | — |
| 6 Sarees and dhoties, cotton | — | 1,115 | 5,250 |
| 7 Blankets, woollen | 200 | 160 | — |
| 8 Khes, cotton | 300 | 1,200 | — |
| 9 Footwears, pairs | — | 200 | — |
| 10 Penicillin, vials | 1,000 | 915 | 11,715 |
| 11 Serums/vaccine, amp | — | — | 3,436 |
| 12 Medicaments, assorted, tabs/ tubes/vials/capsules etc | 122,000 | 20,400 | 150,000 |
| 13 Vitamins and Medicaments | — | 129 cartons | — |
| 14 Dressings, rolls | — | 2,400 | — |
| 15 Cotton wool, surgical | — | 200 pkts | 1,008 pkts |
| 16 Tents | 100 | 100 | 45 |
| Approximate value Rs | 2,23,450 | 5,12,275 | 1,44,750 |

World Bank Loan for special Land Development Scheme in Tamil Nadu

*260 SHRI P GANGADEB Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether the World Bank has agreed to extend a loan of Rs 33.26 crores for special land development schemes in Tamil Nadu,

(b) if so, whether the representatives of the State, Central Government and the

Agricultural Refinance Corporation have visited Washington to finalise the terms and conditions, and

(c) When the work is likely to start on the Schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNA SAHEB P SHINDE) (a) On the basis of the negotiations held with the World Bank from 25th April to 3rd May, 1971, the IDA have agreed