

Under the Scheme for cultivation of Pineapple in Bastar District (Madhya Pradesh) 50 demonstration per year in plots of 0.10 ha each is being conducted; area extension programme is also undertaken under this scheme. The National Horticulture Board released funds to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh on 31.3.1990 and the scheme is in progress.

**Shifting of Directorate of Wheat Research to Karnal.**

1304. SHRI R. GUNDU RAO:  
SHRI D. M. PUJTE GOWDA:  
SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research propose to shift the Directorate of Wheat Research from New Delhi to Karnal in Haryana; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to enable the Project Directorate of Wheat to function effectively, it was decided that it should be kept out of the administrative control of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, where it is presently located. It was also felt that the Directorate should be located in an area where wheat is an important crop. Accordingly it was decided to shift the Directorate to Karnal where ICAR land was readily available.

[*Translation*]

**Debt-Burden on Farm Labour Families**

1305. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the debt burden on farm labour families has increased considerably over the period of time;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to free them from this debt burden?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b). On the basis of All India Debt and Investment Surveys conducted by Reserve Bank of India in collaboration With National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) during 1971-72 and 1981-82, the estimates of outstanding debt of Agricultural labourer Households have been worked out which show that while the proportion of indebted household had declined over the 10 years period ending on 30.6.1982, the average amount of debt per household has slightly increased.

(c) The Government of India have framed Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief Scheme, 1990 in this regard.

**Veterinary Hospital in Maharashtra**

1306. SHRI HARIBHAU SHANKAR MAHALE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether veterinary hospital facility is available at every Gram Panchayat in Maharashtra;