

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) No, Sir. On the other hand, the programme of supply to each State is drawn up in consultation with the State and the interested manufacturers and the Central Fertiliser Pool is to supply from imported stock only to the extent manufacturers cannot meet the requirements of the States.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such report has been received by this Ministry.

Central Grant to West Bengal for Irrigation of Jute Fields

*119. **SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU** : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of West Bengal requested the Central Government to allot Rs. 4.00 crores outside the State Plan, ceiling for the installation of 200 river lift points for irrigating Jute fields in the State;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered the proposal;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(d) whether it is a fact that request of the Government of West Bengal has been turned down on the ground of paucity of funds; and

(e) why it has not been considered possible to allot Rs. 4.00 crores outside the State Plan for this scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e). The scheme was duly considered. But as a total outlay of Rs. 3.92 crores had been approved in the Central Sector for the development of Jute during the Fourth Plan for all the Jute growing States, it was not found possible to accommodate the scheme within the said provision.

However, an amount of Rs. 1.75 crores has been provided to the State for 1969-70 for minor irrigation as relief in re-payment of Central Loans. This has been done keeping in view, *inter alia*, the requirement of Jute crop.

Steps taken to check Drought in the Country

*120. **SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA** : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken to check drought in various parts of the country which have become a recurring feature ;

(b) the details thereof ; and

(c) how far they are going to meet the requirements of such areas, Statewise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) to (c). A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabh. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-2608/70*].

Income of agricultural Labour according to National Sample Survey

601. **SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU** : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the money income and real income of agricultural Labourers, State-wise as per latest national sample survey ;

(b) the employment and unemployment among agricultural labourers ; and

(c) the position regarding Land-holding and landlessness among agricultural labourers, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI D. SANJIVAYYA) : (a) to (c). The required information is given in Statements I, II and III, which is based on the data thrown up by Rular Labour Enquiry (1964-65), is laid on