

Ministry would favourably consider of granting powers to the State Governments. Now, will you take it up, in the light of the assurance given by the Home Minister, and see that the assurance that was given to me is expedited ?

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Actually, Shri Tytler has agreed.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : We have taken up this matter. I would like to know you correctly when the first question you put. It is not right that in Kashmir there is no restriction... (Interruptions). The Home Ministry has put restrictions on certain areas which they consider sensitive. The whole question relates to the Ministry of Home Affairs. It does not relate to my Ministry. But I am interested in tourism. Subject to the clearance of the Home Ministry looking at the national interest, I will do that.

PROF. N. G. RANGA : Subject to the assurance of security also.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : Yes.

(Interruptions)

SHRIMATI D. K. BHANDARI : I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether he has received any proposal from the State Government to reopen *Pemayangtse* and *Tsangu* areas for the visit of foreigners. Sikkim is a State which has very few sources of revenue. Tourism is one industry which has a very big potential. The Government has also declared Tourism as an Industry. In the case of Sikkim, they have withdrawn the permission where foreigners were allowed to go previously. But now, they cannot go to these areas. In this connection, I would like to know whether the Government will reconsider the case and let the foreigners visit the areas like *Pemayangtse* and *Tsangu*. We, the people of Sikkim State, also do not want to earn revenue at the cost of our security. We know which places are prone to such things. If the Central

Government can rely on the State Government, we can also take interest about the whole nation. So, in view of this, whether the hon. Minister will consider reopening of the centres like *Pemayangtse* and *Tsangu*.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : This is not within my power. I will convey this message to the Ministry of Home Affairs. They will deal with it appropriately... (Interruptions).

Foodgrains production in rabi season

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*31. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI :
SHRI R. M. BHOYE :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE: be pleased to State :

(a) whether Union Government have asked the State Governments to achieve certain targets of foodgrains production in the coming rabi season to meet the serious short fall caused by the worst ever drought and floods in the kharif season ;

(b) if so, the details regarding participation of States at the national conference convened by Union Government; and

(c) the suggestions and recommendations made in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c) : A Statement is given below.

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) List of Senior Officers of the State Governments who attended the National Conference on Agriculture for Rabi Campaign, 1987-88 held on 6-7th October, 1987, at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.

State

Designation

1. Andhra Pradesh

1. Commissioner and Secretary Agriculture.

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2. Commissioner, Command Area Development.

3. Commissioner, Corporation.

1. Development Commissioner.

1. Special Commissioner Planning and Development and Agriculture Production Commissioner.

1. Agriculture Development Commissioner cum-Principal Secretary

2. Secretary, Agriculture.

3. Relief Commissioner.

1. Director of Agriculture

1. Principal Secretary, Agriculture and Rural Development.

2. Secretary, Rural Development.

3. Secretary, Cooperation.

4. Area Development Commissioner (Irrigation)

1. Secretary, Agriculture.

2. Secretary, Development.

3. Commissioner, Command area Development and Special Secretary, Irrigation.

1. Director of Agriculture.

1. Agriculture Production Commissioner.

1. Development Commissioner.

2. Secretary, Agriculture & Horticulture.

3. Revenue Commissioner.

1. Agriculture Production Commissioner

2. Secretary, Revenue

1. Addl. Chief Secretary and Agriculture Production Commissioner.

2. Arunachal Pradesh

3. Assam

4. Bihar

5. Goa

6. Gujarat

7. Haryana

8. Himachal Pradesh

9. Jammu & Kashmir

10. Karnataka

11. Kerala

12. Madhya Pradesh

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13. Maharashtra	2. Secretary, Agriculture
14. Manipur	3. Secretary, Cooperation.
15. Meghalaya	1. Director of Agriculture.
16. Nagaland	1. Commissioner Agriculture.
17. Orissa	1. Secretary, Cooperation.
	1. Joint Director, Agriculture.
	1. Secretary, Agriculture & Cooperation.
	2. Commissioner, Command Area Development.
18. Punjab	1. Special Secretary, Agriculture.
	2. Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayats, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries.
19. Rajasthan	1. Secretary, Agriculture & Cooperation
	2. Secretary, CADA.
20. Tamil Nadu	1. Agriculture Production Commissioner.
	2. Secretary, Agriculture.
	3. Secretary, Rural Development.
	4. Relief Commissioner.
21. Tripura	1. Director of Agriculture.
22. Uttar Pradesh	1. Agriculture Production Commissioner
23. West Bengal	1. Secretary, Agriculture.
Union Territories	
24. Delhi	1. Joint Director, Agriculture
	2. Joint Director (Field Publicity).
25. Pondicherry	1. Additional Director of Agriculture.

(c) The important recommendations made in the National Conference on Agriculture for Rabi Campaign for 1987-88 for increasing rabi production include ; (i) fixing a target of 76 million tonnes of foodgrains for rabi 1987-88 in consultation

with the States to make up the shortfall in production during Kharif 1987 on account of drought ; (ii) concentration by Fertiliser Industry of its extension and promotional staff in rabi potential areas for effective implementation of various programmes for

increasing agricultural production ; and (iii) adoption of scientific management of water resources in rural areas to make judicious use of scarce water resources. States will carefully husband the available supplies of irrigation water for maximising production through water budgets and improved coordination between State Agriculture Departments, CADA and Irrigation Departments.

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI :
Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is good that emphasis has been laid, this year in view of the serious drought situation, on the production of Rabi Crop. The Minister has stated in his reply that there is a target of 76 million tonnes of foodgrains to be produced during the rabi crop season. I would like to know as to what is the Government's estimated crop loss this year and how much deficit is going to be made up by this increased Rabi production this time.

SHRI YGGENDRA MAKWANA :
Sir, still we are in the process of assessing the crop loss. We have not yet finalised the figure. Therefore, I am not able to give it to the hon. Member.

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI :
The target that has been fixed is 76 million tonnes, as far as foodgrains are concerned. What steps are being proposed to achieve this target ? In fact, a further request has been made by the State Governments that the irrigation facilities should be made available to them by extending the electric lines and providing more number of pumps and more areas should be covered. What is the reaction of the Government of India to this matter ? I would also like to know whether funds are being provided specifically for this purpose to the State Governments.

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA :
A number of measures are being taken by the Government of India to increase the production. We have laid out a strategy for providing high-yielding varieties, for the scientific management of water etc. But so far as the question put by the hon. Member is concerned, it is not my Ministry but the Ministry of power which provides funds to the State Government for this

purpose and therefore I am not able to reply this question.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Setting up of T.V. Transmission centre in Idukki in Kerala

*26. **PROF. P.J. KURIEN :** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the steps taken to set up T.V. transmission centre at Idukki in Kerala; and

(b) when it is expected to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A.K. PANJA) : (a) TV signal is sought to be provided at several places in the country, including Idukki, by shifting of existing transmitters scheduled to be replaced by higher powered transmitters under the Seventh Plan. Meanwhile, the System Planning Work for the project at Idukki has been completed.

(b) The transmitter is expected to be commissioned into service toward the end of the Seventh Plan period.

Selection of press persons for officially sponsored visits

*28. **SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH :** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken note of the recommendations of Press Council of India regarding selection of press persons for officially sponsored visits;

(b) whether Government have issued necessary instructions in this regard; and

(c) the number of press persons included in the various tours/visits organised by the Ministries and Government departments during the past ten months (Jan-Oct, 1987) ?