

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) The proposed study was contemplated in two parts. The first part contemplated a complete review of the laws relating to the prevention of fragmentation as well as consolidation of holdings enacted by different States in order to bring out clearly the nature and scope of the laws, the manner of their implementation and their effectiveness in fulfilling the objectives in view. This part of the study has been completed. The report is being finalised.

The second part seeks to study the empirical data about fragmentation and consolidation of holdings. This has been undertaken with effect from June this year.

(b) The Consolidation as well as prevention of fragmentation of holdings are to be done by the States. When the results of the studies are available, they will be examined and suitable advice will be given to the States.

Metropolitan Development Project for Slums in Madras

5659. **SHRI P. V. PERIASAMY:** Will the Minister of **WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION** be pleased to state:

(a) the essential features of the new Metropolitan Development Project for improvement of slums in Madras;

(b) the striking variations in that project from the improvement schemes launched in other metropolitan cities; and

(c) whether Central Government propose to recommend to other States adoption of the beneficial features of the system at Madras?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) The Madras Urban Development Project, is a multisecto-

ral project. Slum improvement is one of the components of the project. Under this component, it is proposed to undertake infrastructure improvements including new and improved roads, footpaths, drainage, water supply, public latrines and washing facilities in slum areas which do not have such facilities.

(b) The Madras Slum Improvement Project mentioned above envisages provision of appropriate employment opportunities and improvement of nutrition and health in the slum areas also. In most of the schemes for improvement of slum areas in other cities the emphasis has been on provision of physical amenities only.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Deputation of Scientists of I.C.A.R.

5660. **SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA:** Will the Minister of **AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION** be pleased to state:

(a) whether a deputation of scientists of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research met the Union Agriculture and Irrigation Minister and has requested to stop all recruitment to posts of senior scientists until the serving junior scientists had been absorbed in the senior grade; and

(b) if so, their demand and the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The demand of the Scientists is not justified as direct recruitment being made to the various grades of the Agricultural Research Service would not in any way affect the future prospects of the existing junior scientists.