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Rajasthan	Alwar
	Barmer
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	Bundi
	Chittaurgarh
	Ganganagar
	Jalore
	Jodhpur
Jammu & Kashmir	Pali
	Kashmir
Tamil Nadu	Jammu
	South Arcot
Gujarat	Jamnagar
Assam	Mikir & N.C. Hills
Karnataka	Chitradurga
	Raichur
	Shimoga

Boycott of Interview by Scientists of Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board

5667. SHRI KISHORE LAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Scientists of Indian Agricultural Research Institute boycotted the interviews commencing from 25th April, 1977 conducted by the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board;

(b) if so, reasons for boycott as stated by the scientists; and

(c) action taken by the Government to remove those reasons?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) A large number of scientists of the

Indian Council of Agricultural Research did not attend the interviews started by the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board in April 1977 as part of the first five-yearly assessment of those scientists for the purpose of granting them merit promotion or advance increments.

(b) The reason given by those scientists was that the holding of interviews was against the assurances given in the Parliament in the past that the scientists will not be subjected to interviews for promotions.

(c) The representatives of the scientists were informed that the interviews held by the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board for five-yearly assessment are quite different from those held by them for direct recruitment to individual posts or by the U.P.S.C. for posts under various Government Departments for which there were a number of contestants. The interviews arranged for assessment are not of a routine or formal type interviews to judge the theoretical knowledge and academic calibre of the scientists but are intended to provide an opportunity to them to project their work and achievement during the period under assessment. Since, however, the IARI scientists had still some apprehensions, it has been decided by the Council that the interviews will not be compulsory, but opportunity should, at the same time, be provided to the scientists to appear before the Assessment Committees and present their case personally to them, if they wished to do so.

Research on Water Resistant and Saline Water Resistant Varieties of Rice and Wheat

5668. SHRI S. KUNDU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any research have been carried out to develop water resistance and saline water resistance varieties of rice and wheat seeds and plants, if so, facts thereof; and