

Diseases of Coconut Trees

1000. SHRI M. N. GOVINDAN NAIR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that coconut trees are affected by tropical diseases in Kerala;

(b) whether the State Government has any scheme or proposal to fight this menace; and

(c) if so, Central Government's attitude to this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) The Government of India are aware of the fact that coconut trees in Kerala are affected by a disease called "root-wilt" which is a slow and debilitating disease.

(b) and (c). Yes Sir. Based on the proposal, submitted by the State Government, the Government of India have sanctioned a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for rejuvenation of disease and unproductive coconut plantations in Kerala and the outlay approved is as detailed below:—

	Rs.
1977-78	7 066 lakhs
1978-79	32 343 lakhs
TOTAL :	<u>39 409 lakhs</u>

Procurement of Rain Affected Wheat

1001. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any orders have been issued by his Ministry relaxing specifications for procurement of rain affected wheat for the marketing season 1977-78;

(b) if so, whether this will affect storage of these procured grains; and

(c) whether precautionary steps have been taken in storage of such rain affected grains?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) to (c). The Government of India have relaxed the specifications so as to provide for the procurement of rain affected wheat. The storability of such foodgrains is comparatively less and all necessary precautions are being taken for proper storage of these stocks.

राष्ट्रीय बीज निगम में अनुसूचित जाति तथा अनुसूचित जनजाति सदस्यों की प्रतिशतता

1002. श्री मही लाल

श्री शिव सम्पत :

क्या कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राष्ट्रीय बीज निगम में, श्रेणीवार तथा पदनामवार कुल कितने कर्मचारी हैं:

(ख) उनमें से कितने कर्मचारी अनुसूचित जाति तथा अनुसूचित जनजाति के, श्रेणीवार तथा पदनामवार तथा उनकी प्रतिशतता क्या है :

(ग) क्या वहां अनुसूचित जाति तथा अनुसूचित जनजाति के सदस्यों के लिए आरक्षित कोटा पूरा कर लिया गया है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और आरक्षित कोटा पूरा करने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की गई है अथवा किए जाने का विचार है ; और

(घ) पदोन्नतियों में आरक्षण के प्रावधान को ध्यान में रखते हुए विशेष रूप से व्यक्तिगत मामलों में सरकार ने