

**New Agricultural Universities**

2106. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Government propose to set up some Agricultural Universities in some of the States during the Seventh Plan;

(b) if so, in which of the States and the courses of studies to be taught there at the Graduate and Post-Graduate level;

(c) whether any such University will be set up in Orissa also, where agriculture needs considerable development in modern farming methods; and

(d) if so, at which place and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) Government of India do not propose to set up any more State agricultural universities in the States during the VII Plan. However, the Government is considering the possibility of setting up a central agricultural university in the North Eastern Hills Region.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Annual output of Foodgrains towards the end of Sixth Plan**

2107. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the annual output of foodgrains targeted towards the end of the Sixth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether that target is expected to be fulfilled; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) to (c). The target of foodgrains production for the terminal year of the Sixth Five Year Plan i.e. 1984-85, is 153.6 million tonnes. On the basis of preliminary reports received from the States, it is currently assessed that the foodgrains production during 1984-85 may be marginally short of the Sixth Plan target, due to inadequate rainfall and prolonged dry spells experienced in some parts of the country during 1984 monsoon season (June to September) and subsequent failure of post-monsoon and winter rains.

**Broadcast on AIR and Doordarshan on the Day of Gas Tragedy**

2108. SHRI SURESH KURUP : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Broadcast Schedule of AIR and Doordarshan did not change till late in the day on December 3rd the day of the gas tragedy; and

(b) what were the instructions given by Government on AIR and Doordarshan to people for protection against the gas immediately after the accident ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) Doordarshan does not have a Kendra in Bhopal. So far as AIR is concerned, the nature and complexion of the programmes broadcast from All India Radio, Bhopal and other AIR Stations in Madhya Pradesh were changed immediately after the declaration of State mourning on 4.12.1984 consequent upon the gas tragedy on 3.12.1984.

(b) Nothing was positively known immediately after the accident about the chemical composition of the poisonous gas and its effect on human beings, vegetation and water nor was expert opinion

available regarding precautionary measures, etc. After ascertaining from the State Government, the AIR Station broadcast a special bulletin at 10 00 A.M. on 3.12.1984, to the effect that the leakage had been stopped and the rescue measures were in full swing. Chief Minister recorded a special message that all possible help was being extended to every one affected which was also broadcast. Repeated announcements were made to counter the effects of rumours.

From 4th December, 1984, different programmes dealing with the effect of poisonous gas and the precautionary measures were broadcast.

#### Families selected under the IRDP in Rajasthan

2109. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of families selected under the Integrated Rural Development Programme in Rajasthan so far ;

(b) the number of families out of them which have been given grants by State and Central Governments and Nationalised and Cooperative Banks etc. to enable them to cross the poverty line and the amount of grants given ;

(c) the number of instalments and the amount repaid by these selected families ; and

(d) the number of families which have crossed the poverty line ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) and (b). During the Sixth Five Year Plan period a target of 7,008 lakh families was visualised to be assisted under Integrated Rural Development Programme in Rajasthan. The number of families actually assisted from 1980-81

to February 1985 is 6,910 lakhs. From 1980-81 to February, 1985, an amount of Rs. 83.85 crores was provided as subsidy to 6.91 lakh families from Central and State Government grants under the Integrated Rural Development Programme. The medium term credit mobilised from Nationalised and Cooperative Banks for these families stood at Rs. 131.34 crores during the same period.

(c) The number of instalments and the amount repaid by the selected families are not monitored by this Department.

(d) In order to ascertain the impact of this programme in the country, an evaluation study has been undertaken by the Programme Evaluation Organisation of the Planning Commission. The report of this study is still awaited.

#### Findings of the Jha Committee Report

2110. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the major findings of Jha Committee on Operation Flood II outcomes, corrective measures suggested, expected date of implementation of each recommendation accepted by Government and reasons for rejection of each non-accepted recommendation ; and

(b) the measures Government propose for accelerating dairy development to minimize regional imbalances ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B' TA SINGH) : (a) The report of the Jha Committee is under examination.

(b) Operation Flood II is a major dairy development programme launched in the country. This programme has envisaged to cover all the states in the country.