

courses of study and research works done in Agricultural Universities ; and

(c) the guidelines sent to State Governments and the Agricultural Universities by Union Government for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c) Agricultural Education in the State Agricultural Universities in the country has been organised as professional degree programmes in various branches of agriculture. The curricula of these degree programmes are reviewed from time to time to incorporate necessary changes according to the requirements of agricultural development. In 1978, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research had constituted a Committee to review the educational functions of the State Agricultural Universities. Based on the recommendations of this Committee a Deans' Committee was constituted to review and reformulate the curricula of the various degree programmes. The report of this Committee has been finalised and sent to the State Agricultural Universities for their consideration and implementation.

The salient features of the recommendations of the Deans' Committee are the inclusion of necessary courses in basic sciences and humanities, a strong core programme in the concerned disciplines and the inclusion of a number of elective courses to enable the students to prepare for work in various specialised fields. Provision has also been made for adequate practical training within the academic programme.

Achievement of Crop Insurance Scheme

20. **SHRI I. RAMA RAI :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the progress achieved with regard to the policy of crop insurance ;

(b) which are the States selected by Government to provide insurance cover

to farmers against the destruction of the crops ; and

(c) whether there is a proposal under consideration of Government for insurance against the falling prices of agricultural commodities especially the recent steep price fall of coconut ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) The Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme which is being implemented in the country from Kharif 1985 season has so far been adopted by 12 States and 3 Union Territories namely ; Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and the Union Territories of Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Daman & Diu, and Pondicherry. The State Governments of Rajasthan and Jammu & Kashmir have decided to implement the scheme from Rabi 1985 season.

The General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC) which is implementing the scheme in collaboration with the State Governments as co-insurers have received proposals of the order of Rs. 200 crores as sum insured from 12 State Governments in respect of Kharif season. The final position would, however, be known after 30th November, 1985 which is the cut-off date for Kharif season.

(c) No, Sir.

T.V. Serials

21. **DR. B.L. SHAIKESH :** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is, at present glut of T.V. serials ; if so, how many serials have been entered and how many are under consideration ;

(b) which of the serials are being given extension ;