

Damage to coconut trees by Red Palm Weevil in Pondicherry

5785. SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether disease called 'Red Palm Weevil' has damaged 70 per cent of tender coconut trees below the age of ten years in Pondicherry areas; and

(b) the details of steps contemplated to control and contain this disease ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The recent information received from the Administration of Union Territory of Pondicherry reveals that an insect known as Red Palm Weevil damages tender coconut trees. The extent of such a damage is reported to be of the order of 20 per cent in the total palm area of 18,000 hectares which could not be considered as alarming.

(b) The Union Territory has taken the following steps to control and contain the pest :

- (i) The chemical control of the pest has been recommended by using promising insecticides like dichlorovos and monocrotophos.
- (ii) The pesticides are being distributed to the cultivators at 25 per cent subsidy by the Administration of U.T., of Pondicherry.
- (iii) Farmers have been/are being educated to undertake the cultural and preventive methods against the pest.

Loss to groundnut crop due to 'Red Hairy Caterpillars'

5786. SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the enormous loss caused to groundnut crop by the 'Red hairy caterpillars';

(b) if so, the loss caused thereto; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to combat this menace ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c). Sir, there are no reports of enormous losses caused to groundnut crop by the red hairy caterpillars.

However, in Andhra Pradesh sporadic incidence of the pest below economic threshold level over an area of 12,500 ha. has been reported in Mahbubnagar district. The pest has been controlled effectively by taking timely plant protection measures.

In Karnataka, the pest has been noticed in 28,000 hectares with losses varying between 10 per cent to 15 per cent approximately.

The entire area has been brought under control by the efforts of farmers and State agencies.

State Government have extended subsidy on pesticides at a cost of Rs. 2.75 lakhs.

[Translation]

Coverage of population by Doordarshan in U.P.

5787. SHRI AKHTAR HASAN :
SHRI DEEP NARAIN VAN :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in implementation of Doordarshan Schemes for Uttar Pradesh included in the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) the percentage of rural population in Uttar Pradesh covered at present by Doordarshan ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING (SHRI A. K. PANJA) :**

(a) Orders for long delivery equipment have been placed and sites for most of the schemes have been either taken over or identified. A new 100 Watt transmitter at Ballia has already been commissioned. Implementation of the remaining Seventh Plan Schemes will depend on the supply position of equipment and annual allocation of plan resources.

(b) TV service is, at present, available to about 83.9 per cent rural population of U.P.

**Amount allotted under RLEGP
to States**

**5788. SHRI AKHTAR HASAN :
SHRI DEEP NARAIN VAN :**

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the State-wise amount allocated under the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee

programme for 1987-88;

(b) the extent to which this amount exceeds the amount given last year to the States; and

(c) the number of persons benefited under this programme last year, State-wise ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOP-
MENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRIC-
ULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV) :**
(a) and (b). A state-wise statement of the amount proposed to be allocated under RLEGP in the year 1987-88 and the amounts given in the year 1986-87 is given below.

(c) The progress of the programme is monitored in terms of the mandays of employment generated in a year. Column 7 of the statement referred to in reply to (a) and (b) above gives the statewide information of the employment generated in the year 1986-87.

Statement

State/UT wise details of proposed allocation cash and Foodgrains for 1987-88, amount and Foodgrains given in 1986-87 and employment generated during 1986-87 under RLEGP

Sl. No.	State/UT	Proposed allocation 1987-88		Amount and foodgrains given in 1986-87		Employment generated* in 1986-87 (Lakh Mandays)
		Cash (Rs. lakhs)	Foodgrains (MTs.)	Cash (Rs. in lakhs)	Foodgrain (MTs.)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4576.00	97430	4808.13	95560	233.77
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	40.00	760	24.15	780	1.00
3.	Assam	958.00	20460	953.51	10040	23.26
4.	Bihar	6733.00	144090	6804.79	140660	210.91
5.	Gujarat	1577.00	37530	1601.04	16460	63.86
6.	Haryana	445.00	10570	487.64	9320	14.89