

Liberalization of Agricultural Trade

3426. SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA :

SHRI RAJESH KUMAR :

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the steps being taken by the Government in regard to the liberalisation of trade in the Agricultural sector;

(b) whether the Government have studied the likely impact of liberalisation on the agricultural trade;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) has also warned about the adverse impact of such liberalisation;

(e) if so, the details of comments made by the FAO in this regard; and

(f) the measures proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that liberalisation of trade in the Agricultural Sector does not hurt the Indian agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AYUB KHAN) : (a) Trade liberalisation is a continuous process being undertaken by the Government from time to time.

(b) and (c). The liberalisation is expected to have a positive impact on the agricultural trade.

(d) and (e). The FAO in its document "Impact of Uruguay Round on Agriculture" of July 1995 have *inter-alia* stated that overall, the developing regions are shown to increase their net exports of agricultural commodities with the Uruguay Round having a positive effect.

(f) It is the policy of the Government to protect the interest of Indian agriculture.

[Translation]

National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas

3427. SHRI PREM CHAND RAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of works carried out under the National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPR) in rainfed areas of Bihar especially in Nawada district;

(b) the area brought under this project so far in this district till date; and

(c) the details of the benefits derived therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE : (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b). In Bihar 191 micro-watershed projects covering an area

of 98978 hectares with an estimated cost of Rs. 28.52 crores have been taken up under the National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPR).

In Nawada District, 2 micro-watershed projects have been taken up covering an area of 1171 hectares with an estimated cost of Rs. 0.28 crores.

(c) The project has helped in promoting *in-situ* moisture conservation and better production of biomass through various conservation and production measures including household production systems.

[English]

Agricultural Training to Women

3428. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to provide agricultural extension and scientific way of agriculture training to the women workers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such training has been extended to the Agriculture Women Workers in Orissa also; and

(d) if so, the names of districts in Orissa where such training is being imparted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Training in scientific methods of agriculture is being provided to Women extension workers; and Women farmers through;

- Danish & Dutch assisted projects;
- Central Sector Scheme of "Women in Agriculture";
- Through "Krishi Vigyan Kendras" of Indian Council of Agriculture Research;
- Farmers Training Centres.

(c) Yes, Sir. A project entitled "Training and Extension for Women in Agriculture" (TEWA), is being implemented in the State of Orissa with DANISH assistance.

Twelve Krishi Vigyan Kendras established in Orissa are engaged in organising training to farm women.

(d) (i) The districts covered under training and Extension for Women in Agriculture (TEWA) in Orissa are :

1. Bolangir
2. Ganjam
3. Puri
4. Dhenkanal
5. Keonjhar
6. Kora-put
7. Sambalpur
8. Sundargarh