

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sector	Districts	
	Almora	Pithoragarh
1. Minor Irrigation	0.35	17.00
2. Soil Conservation	25.03	—
3. Afforestation	3.68	3.89
4. Animal Husbandary	—	0.50
5. Horticulture	0.35	—
6. Others	0.11	0.17
	29.52	21.56

[English]

New policy for steel distribution

3112. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to announce a new policy for steel distribution;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said policy will be announced ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b). Iron and Steel materials are distributed in terms of the distribution guidelines announced by the Joint Plant Committee of the main producers. The last guidelines were issued in 1980 and were amended periodically. These guidelines are being reviewed.

(c) The new guidelines will be issued after discussion with the main producers, consumers and other Government Departments.

Evaluation of hazards of DDT and BHC pesticides

3113. SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Committee headed by Dr. S. N. Banerjee had been appointed by Government to evaluate hazards of DDT and BHC pesticides in agricultural operations and on human health and, if so, the results of this Committee's work; and

(b) whether the important, operational recommendations are being implemented and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). No Committee for the evaluation of hazards of DDT and BHC had been appointed by this Ministry. However, a High Level Expert Committee had been set up to review the use in India of all the pesticides which have been banned or restricted in other countries, including DDT and BHC. The said Committee has submitted its report to the Government on DDT. The question of implementing or otherwise, of its recommendation can be considered after its examination and after taking into account all relevant factors.

National agricultural price marketing commission for fixing prices

3114. SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :