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Recommendations of National Commission on Dry Land Farming

4492. SHRI C. MADHAV REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have finally appreciated the need for improving dry land agriculture which remains unexploited so far ; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the many valuable recommendations of the National Commission have remained unattended, unimplemented and unexamined largely due to the ignorance of non-professional staff in command in agricultural sphere ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Dry Land Farming has continued to receive adequate attention of the Government and different developmental programmes have been in operation.

(b) The recommendations of the National Commission on Agriculture have been examined and by and large are being implemented.

[*Translation*]

Setting Up of TV Tower in Bogeshwar In Uttar Pradesh

4494. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has received any representation from the people for setting up of a Television tower in Bogeshwar in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether there is a proposal to set up a television tower there during this plan period;

(c) if so, by what time ; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken by Government to provide television facility to this area ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Extension of TV service to uncovered parts of the country can be carried out only in phases, depending on the availability of resources.

[*English*]

State Farms Corporation of India

4495. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of farms managed by the State Farms Corporation of India in the country, their location and the area of each farm :

(b) the total amount spent by the State Farms Corporation of India for Sindhanur (Jawalgeri) farm in Raichur district of Karnataka during each of the last three years ;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of Government that huge areas has not been developed and if so, the reasons thereof;

(d) the major seeds grown in these farms till now and distributed to the National Seeds Corporation ; and

(e) the year in which grown and the quantity distributed during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) There are presently fourteen farms being managed by the State Farms Corporation of India. The position with regard to their location and area is indicated in the statement. I given below.

(b) The amount spent on Central State Farm, Sindhanur, Jawalgeri, District Raichur, during the last three year is as given below:—