

(b) if so, the advantages of the system developed by NKK over the indigenous technology ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (b) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Allocation for rural development programmes**

3869. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount earmarked in the Seventh Five Year Plan for the rural development programmes;

(b) the amount allocated for Maharashtra; and

(c) the details of the schemes for which the amount will be spent in different States :

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV) : (a) According to the Seventh Five Year Plan document an amount of Rs. 6174.90 crores has been provided for rural development programmes in the Seventh Five Year Plan for the Central share.

(b) State-wise allocations of funds for entire Seventh Five Year Plan period have not been made. Allocations are made on year to year basis.

(c) The major schemes under the rural development programmes, inter alia, include Integrated Rural Development Programme, Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas, Drought Prone Areas Programme, Desert Development Programme, National Rural Employment Programme, Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation, schemes relating to Land Reforms, Agricultural Marketing including Rural Godowns and Roads in Tribal Areas.

**Employment of rural labour in drought affected areas**

3870. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government for alternative employment to rural labour in drought affected areas of Maharashtra and other States ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R PRABHU) : (a) and (b) About 45% of the total ceiling of expenditure approved for Central assistance to the States for drought relief is meant for providing employment to rural labour. In addition employment is provided under the National Rural Employment Programme and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme besides other Plan programmes. In Maharashtra the Employment Guarantee Scheme is also in operation. There is no other proposal under consideration for providing alternative employment to rural labour.

**Agricultural universities in the country**

3871. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number and locations of agricultural universities at present in the country;

(b) the number of students graduated every year from agricultural universities;

(c) whether there is any proposal to establish more agricultural universities in the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Gujarat Government have sent a proposal to establish an agricultural university in Saurashtra region; and