

<i>Head</i>	<i>Centre</i>	<i>States and UTs</i>	<i>Total</i>
Agriculture	4056.71	6516.91	10573.62
Rural Development	6166.81	6512.32	12679.13

(b) and (c). The Plan outlays give sufficient stress on building food and security system in the country. The broad features of the system of food security are: building grain reserves, social security, nutrition education, stability of prices, etc.

### **FAO Call to Deal with Locusts**

10202. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU:  
SHRI S.B. SIDNAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the food and Agriculture Organisation has called for swift and decisive action to deal with the plague of locusts which threatens to cause major food crisis in various parts of the world;

(b) whether the FAO has also cautioned India in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Though India has not been specifically cautioned by the FAO against locusts invasion, the Locust Warning Organisation under the Ministry of Agriculture is keeping constant vigilance on locust activity in the scheduled desert area. It is also maintaining contact with Desert Locust Organisa-

tion of FAO Pakistan so as to have the latest report on locust activity and to be ready to take preventive steps in case of any swarm attack from across the border. The locust control potential in terms of man-power, vehicles, aircraft and insecticides are being kept in readiness. The State Governments of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Haryana and Punjab have also been alerted about the impending locust threat. A contingency Anti-locust Plan for the deployment of men and material at various strategic locations has been drawn up to tackle any emergent situation.

### **U.N.C.H.S.Assistance for Housing**

10203. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU:

SHRI V. TULSIRAM:  
SHRI A.J.V.B. MAHESH-  
WARA RAO:  
SHRI R.M. BHOYE:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a session of the United National Commission on Human Settlement was held recently in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the delegates who attended the session;

(c) the details of the topics discussed and conclusions arrived at; and

(d) the extent to which necessary funds will be made available to India by the United Nations Commission on Human Settlements for housing?