

(c) There were 692 agricultural Post Graduates on the live registers of Employment Exchanges as on 31-12-71.

Setting Up of Youth Centres in State Capitals

3010. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY
SHRI SARJOO PANDEY :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Executive Committee of the Bharat Yuvak Samaj urged Government to set up Youth Centres in all the State capitals to draw the youth for nation-building activities ; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN) : (a) and (b). No such proposal has been received from the Bharat Yuvak Samaj.

Marketing Facilities for Small Farmers

3011. SHRI V. MAYAVAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether small farmer faces major handicap in market ; and

(b) if so, methods being considered to remove this handicap ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA) : (a) Lack of adequate marketing facilities is one of the problems faced by the small farmers.

(b) Under the SFDA Scheme one of the programmes is development of marketing facilities including setting up

of processing units, storage and other infra-structural facilities. The agencies assist existing institutions with grant towards capital cost and managerial subsidies and can similarly assist the organisation of new cooperative institutions. To encourage small farmers to market their produce through the marketing societies, a 2% rebate on interest is allowed by the agencies.

(b) The National Cooperative Development Corporation set up by Govt. of India plays a leading role in developing marketing and processing infra-structure in the rural areas. Regulation of wholesale markets for agricultural produce and setting up of grading units to grade the produce of the farmers before sale also strengthen the bargaining power of small farmers in the markets.

Research to Develop Drug for Abortien

3012. SHRI DHARAMRAO AFZAL-PURKAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have conducted any research to develop any drug for oral application for abortion , and

(b) if so, the result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Expansion of Agricultural Aviation

3013. DR. RANEN SEN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme to expand the agricultural aviation considering the growth and expansion of agriculture ; and