

Central AM to States for Agriculture

2571. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL SHATIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether amount has been given to the various States for special agricultural assistance; and

(b) if so, the total amount thereof and its State-wise break-up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) and (b). The question apparently refers to the assistance given by the Central Government to various States for special agricultural programmes of the type of Emergency Agricultural Production Programme during 1972-73. No such special agricultural programme has been introduced during 1973-74.

Fund for Calcutta Bustee Development Project

2572. SHRI SAROJ MUKHERJI:
SHRI R. S. PANDEY:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has cropped up differences between the West Bengal Government and the Central Government on the question of funds for Calcutta Bustee Development project;

(b) whether the Central Works and Housing Department has been refusing to pay Rs. 11 crores already spent for development of Greater Calcutta, whereas the entire money spent for such development of other cities has been paid by the Central Government; and

(c) if the answer be in the affirmative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINIS-

TRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI OM MEHTA): (a) to (c). A sum of Rs. 7.83 crores had been released for the Bustee Improvement Scheme of Calcutta upto 1972-73. Orders for release of further sum of Rs. 2 crores have been issued recently.

Additional Area under Jute Cultivation

2573. SHRI PILGO MODY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Agriculture Ministry propose to bring several thousand hectares of additional area under jute cultivation;

(b) if so, the extent of additional area to be brought under jute cultivation; and

(c) likely additional availability of jute consequently and whether it would mean additional foreign exchange earnings through exports of jute and if so, expected earnings in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) to (c). It is proposed to bring an additional area of 80,000 hectares under jute cultivation in the multiple cropping sequences by the end of the Fifth Plan period. This is likely to make available an additional production of about 8 lakh bales by the end of the Fifth Plan.

India is not a major exporter of raw jute and mainly exports finished goods. Increase in production of raw jute would, however, enable assured and increased supplies of raw material to the industry.

Rise in Price of Mustard Oil in Calcutta

2574. SHRI PILGO MODY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: