

up research on the possibilities of devising simple methods by which the drudgery and time-consuming tasks in the home for the rural housewives are lightened.

(d) The Government of India is formulating a National Plan for Women setting forth the lines along which future endeavours to promote the welfare of women are to be directed.

Statement

The following are some of the main on-going programmes for women's welfare:—

- 1 Condensed Courses for Education for Employment and vocational Training for Adult Women
- 2 Socio-Economic Programmes for Women
- 3 Scheme for financial assistance to Voluntary Organisations for construction/expansion of hostels for working women in urban areas
- 4 Family and Child Welfare Programme
- 5 General grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations by the Central Social Welfare Board
- 6 Applied Nutrition Programme
- 7 Training of Associate Women Workers
- 8 Incentive Award to Mahila Mandals
- 9 Development of Mahila Mandals.
- 10 Training of hereditary dais.
11. Special Scheme for immunisation of pregnant mothers against tetanus

12 Prophylaxis against nutritional anemia among mothers through administration of iron and folic acids

13 Scholarships to girls to pursue medical and nursing education

14 Central Training Institute for Women Craft Teachers

Setting up of Ganga Flood Control Commission

846 SHRI NARSINGH NARAIN PANDEY Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have set up the Ganga Flood Control Commission for the preparation of a comprehensive plan of flood control in the Ganga basin, and

(b) whether the Government is also proposing to exclude flood control out of State plans for the implementation of various Schemes pending so far, due to paucity of funds?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR NATH SINGH) (a) The Ganga Flood Control Commission has been set up by the Government of India for preparing comprehensive plan of flood control in the Ganga basin and arranging its implementation in a coordinated manner through the agency of the concerned state Governments

(b) No, Sir

Setting up of more Government Printing Presses in the Country

847 SHRI VASANT SATHI. Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the increased volume of printing work, the Government propose to set up few more Government printing presses in the country during the Fifth Plan,

(b) if so, broad outlines of the proposals i.e. estimated outlay proposed, employment potential, locations finalised to be finalised, state-wise etc;

(c) whether the Government would consider setting up these units in relatively backward areas; and

(d) the broad guidelines for the setting up of these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Proposals for installation of 4 forms' Presses are under consideration, envisaging an out lay of Rs. 500 lakhs. The employment potential will be of the order of about 800 persons. The locations, will be finalised only after the proposals are approved.

(c) Location of these Presses will primarily be decided on Techno-Economic factors.

(d) Availability of land, water and power; skilled manpower; raw materials; facilities for transportation and the requirements of the Regions.

Rural Drinking Water Supply Programme

848. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Orissa Government has agreed to transfer the rural drinking water supply programme to the Centre; and

(b) amount allocated to Orissa for this purpose in 1974-75 and 1975-76?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Amounts allocated to Orissa for this purpose during 1974-75 and 1975-76 were Rs. 125 lakhs and Rs. 90 lakhs, respectively, in the State Sector

Drinking Water Supply to Rural Areas

849. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state the number of problem villages in India so far as drinking water supply is concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): According to assessment made in 1972-73, there were 1.53 lakh problem villages in India so far as drinking water supply is concerned. Since then, about 40,000 problem villages have been covered under National Water Supply and Sanitation Programme (Rural) and Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme leaving a balance of nearly 1.13 lakh problem villages yet to be tackled.

New Bajra Variety evolved at Haryana Agricultural University

850. SHRI RAGHUNANDANLAL BHATIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether agronomists of Haryana Agricultural University have evolved new Bajra varieties;

(b) if so, whether these varieties are in advance stage of field trials; and

(c) whether Haryana Agricultural University proposed to release them for mass cultivation in 1976?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION: (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) Some promising varieties are in the preliminary stages of testing.

(b) One synthetic HS-1 and variety HV-13 appear to be promising in the preliminary trials.

(c) Mass cultivation of these varieties can be taken up only after