

(f) to (h) The Health Deptt. of the State formulated an action plan in the month of January, 1998 to be implemented accordingly.

On receipt of the warning regarding the impending cyclone from the Meteorological Department, the Control Rooms established at the State and District levels were activated to monitor the effects of cyclone. District Health Authorities were alerted to respond to the emergencies.

Information in respect of Maharashtra and Rajasthan is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Shortage of Labourers in Agriculture

4871. DR. MADAN PRASAD JAISWAL : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the decreasing number of labourers in agricultural sector thereby the agricultural work is badly affected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to meet this shortage of labourers in agricultural sector?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA) : (a) No, Sir, The total number of agricultural workers has increased from 55.50 million in 1981 to 74.60 million in 1991. The growth rate of employment in agriculture sector rose from 0.94 in 1983-88 to 1.88 during 1988-94.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[English]

Fertilizer Project in Nellore

4872. SHRI K.P. NAIDU :
DR. SUGUNA KUMARI CHELLAMELLA :
SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS be pleased to state :

(a) the demand of urea in the country projected to the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers to arrange for manufacture in the country;

(b) whether public investment Board has cleared for setting up an IFFCO Urea Fertilizer Project at Nellore in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons thereof;

(e) the time by which this proposal is likely to be cleared; and

(f) the manner by which the demand of Urea is likely to be met by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. A.K. PATEL) : (a) to (f) According to the projections made for the formulation of the 9th Five Year plan, the demand for urea in the year 2001-02 was estimated at 245 lakh tonnes, on the assumption that the disparities in nutrient pricing would be corrected.

During the consideration by the Public Investment Board of IFFCO's proposal to set up grassroots ammonia-urea plant in Nellore district (Andhra Pradesh), there was a divergence of views in regard to the projected demand for the nutrient Nitrogen. The project proposal will be posed for investment approval as per the prescribed procedure after finalisation of the demand projections for nitrogen in the terminal year of the 9th Plan and the policy for capacity accretion, which is being reformulated in the light of the recommendations of the High Powered Fertilizers Pricing Policy Review Committee. Any gap between the demand and the indigenous availability of urea will be met through imports.

Solution of Jammu and Kashmir Problem

4873. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI :
SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK :
SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of overall situation prevailing in Jammu and Kashmir, till date;

(b) the proposed measures to be adopted to deal with the situation in future;

(c) whether Union Government have adopted any strategy to solve the Jammu and Kashmir problem and strengthen the internal security; and