

STATEMENT—III

To increase the production of Pulses following strategy has been adopted:—

- i) Introduction of pulses crops in irrigated farming system such as double and multiple cropping;
- ii) Bringing additional area under:—
 - a) In summer pulses with irrigation after mustard, sugarcane, potato and wheat; and under lentil in Rabi season.
 - b) Under short duration arhar in rotation with wheat in Northern States.
 - c) Short duration varieties of urad, moong etc. in rice fallows by utilising the residual moisture in Rabi season.
- iii) Inter-cropping of arhar in soyabean, bajra, cotton, sugarcane and groundnut both under irrigated and unirrigated conditions;
- iv) Increased use of inputs like improved seeds, adoption of plant protection measures; use of phosphatic fertilisers and rhizobium culture;

The above strategy is supported by the two programmes:—

- i) Centrally Sponsored National Pulses Development Programme (N.P.D.P.). The N.P.D.P. is in operation from 1986-87.
- ii) Central Sector Programmes under Special Foodgrains Production Programme.

a) Plant Protection Umbrella on Gram and Arhar against Pod Borer, Cut Worm and Termite.

b) Expansion of Area under Summer Moong/Urd.

Schemes for urchins and Street Children

1463. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted in various metropolitan cities about the number of urchins and street children by concerned State Governments or the Central Government with/without the help of UNICEF;

(b) if so, the estimated number of such children driven to streets and to pavements due to abject poverty and negligence of parents, in each metropolitan city; and

(c) the schemes laid down for providing them with proper conditions of development and for protection against exploitation, crime and begging?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House, as soon as it has been compiled.

Regularisation of C.P.W.D. Daily Wage Workers

1464. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of daily wage workers have been working with CPWD for past several years;