

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) The cost of improved implements is subsidised by the Central Government to the extent of 25 per cent.

(b) In view of the special developmental needs of the Union Territories, the quantum of Central subsidy payable to them was raised to 50 per cent for one year with effect from the 10th June, 1963. On receipt of requests from the Union Territories of Delhi, Manipur and Andaman & Nicobar Islands, the grant of enhanced subsidy of 50 per cent has been extended to these Union Territories till the end of the Third Plan period.

(c) A uniform system of subsidy has already been adopted on an All-India basis, except in case of a few Union Territories which have their own peculiar conditions.

Beet Roots

902. Shri Tan Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the possibility of growing beet roots in saline lands of Pachpadra, Phalodi and Pokaran areas of Rajasthan has been explored; and

(b) if so, the stage at which the matter stands at present?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) The Government of Rajasthan have intimated that no work has so far been done for growing of beet roots in the areas in question.

(b) Does not arise.

12 hrs.

OBITUARY REFERENCE

(Shri R. Narayanaswami)

Mr. Speaker: I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri R. Narayanaswami who passed away at

Thavaram on the 6th March, 1965, at the age of 71. He was a Member of the Second Lok Sabha during the years 1957 to 1962.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

The House may stand in silence for a short while to express its sorrow.

Members then stood in silence for a short while.

12.01 hrs.

RE: CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(Query)

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty (Barackpore): Sir, may I make a submission? We have given a "calling attention" notice on the detention of the Communists in Kerala but we are being told that this is being held over for some more days.

Mr. Speaker: Tomorrow a statement is being made.

12.02 hrs.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

REPORTED LARGE-SCALE KILLING OF AND ASSAULT ON HARIJANS RESIDING IN RAJASTHAN VILLAGES BORDERING PAKISTAN BY DACOITS OF PAKISTAN

Shri Buta Singh (Moga): Sir, I call the attention of the Minister of Home Affairs to the following matter of urgent public importance and I request that he may make a statement thereon:—

The reported large scale killing of and assault on the Harijans residing in Rajasthan villages bordering Pakistan by dacoits of Pakistan.