

The remaining 15 pilot projects will start from 1971-72 onwards. Proposals for starting 13 new projects have been received from the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mysore, Orissa, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh. The proposals for two projects from Rajasthan are still awaited.

The main points include soil conservation, land development, suitable tillage operations and soil management; water harvesting practices; use of Sprinkler Irrigation; introduction of new varieties, new crops and improved implements and training of farmers. Coordination between the ICAR Research Centres and the project is an important feature of these projects.

The total cost of the new projects drawn up by the State Governments excluding Rajasthan comes to about Rs. 2.89 crores for 1971-72. The Government of India have approved all the proposals which have so far been received.

Since it is a Centrally sponsored scheme, besides, technical guidance, the entire cost of the scheme comprising of loans and grants will be met by the Centre. The amount of assistance will vary from project to project depending upon the actual situation obtaining in each project.

**Increase in supply of Rice to West Bengal, Assam and Tripura**

\*118. **SHRI MOHAMMED ISMAIL :**  
**SHRI SAMAR GUHA :**

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have considered to raise the rice supply to West Bengal, Assam and Tripura in view of the influx of refugees from Bangla Desh and fall in the procurement; and

(b) if so, the quantum of additional supplies of rice made so far to each of these States ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (KRISHI**

**MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI ANNASHEB P. SHINDE) :** (a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of West Bengal have asked for additional supplies on account of low procurement within the State and because of the influx of refugees from Bangla Desh. The requirements indicated are for the entire crop year—November, 1970 to October, 1971. There are adequate stocks in Food Corporation of India Depots in West Bengal to meet the present requirements of the State Government and programmes have been laid down for movement of rice every month to build up adequate stocks in Food Corporation of India depots in West Bengal to meet the future requirements of the State. In the case of Assam also additional requirements asked for are against future needs and arrangements have been made for building up sufficient stocks of rice in Food Corporation of India depots in Assam to meet the future requirements of the State. As regards Tripura, allocations have been made to the extent of requirements communicated by the Administration and movement of rice has been planned in accordance with the plan formulated by the Administration

**Assistance sought by States for Refugees from East Bengal**

\*119. **SHRI S. M. KRISHNA :** Will THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRAM AUR PUNARVAS MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether State Governments of Assam, Tripura and Nagaland have requested the Union Government to take the responsibility of refugees who are coming from East Bengal to India ;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by the Union Government to give full relief to these refugees ;

(c) whether Union Government has asked other States to give accommodation to these refugees ; and

(d) what steps in regard to food, shelter and employment to these refugees have been taken ?