

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Annual Maintenance work of Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute is being done through private contracts since September, 1986. The Institute has been getting better maintenance done by the new arrangement at much economical rates.

(b) The work of landscaping & beautification of IASRI Campus was not done through open quotation. The work was awarded on the basis of the competitive rates approved by IARI, a sister Institute located near by IASRI.

(c) Expenditure on landscaping and beautification of IASRI Campus was incurred from Institute's Annual Budget. Details given below:

1997-98	Rs. 3,00,5774
99	Rs. 1,24,928/

(d) The work for landscaping and beautification at IASRI was awarded to the same firm whose competitive rates were approved by IARI, a sister Institute located nearby, after meeting all codal formalities, including inviting open tenders from the same.

#### **Aid to Madhya Pradesh for Seed Production Programme**

†1531. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the aid proposed to be given to Madhya Pradesh by Central Government for seed production programme at Government's agricultural land; and

(b) by when this aid will be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) During 1999-2000, an amount of Rs. 2100.51 lakhs has been proposed imder various schemes of Government of India for seed production in Madhya Pradesh. The funds will be provided to the State Government by the end of-March, 2000 on receipt of the Action Plan.

#### **Involvement of NAFED offncials in Onion Crisis**

1532. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: