

Opening of Kendriya Vidyalaya in Every District

*377. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised a Scheme to open Kendriya Vidyalaya in every district of the country;

(b) whether the Scheme has been implemented, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria for opening of Kendriya Vidyalaya in the districts;

(d) whether Government also propose to allow private bodies/institutions in the opening of such Vidyalayas in the country and particularly in the State of Haryana; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

[378. Transferred to 21st December, 1992]

Drought in Assam

@*379. SHRI MATANG SING: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the severe drought in Assam this year due to scanty rainfall;

(b) whether Government propose to give any special help for production of rabi crops in Assam;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is much scope for Horticulture development in the state; and

(d) whether Government also propose

to issue any instructions to the State Government for establishment of a separate Directorate for Horticulture?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) The Government of Assam has reported that some areas in Nagaon district in the State are affected by severe drought conditions during the current year.

(b) The Government of Assam has sanctioned Rs. 5,00,000/- in October, 1992 for irrigation facilities in these areas. Government of India has not received any request for special help for production of rabi crops in the wake of drought conditions in Assam.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government of Assam has already been requested to consider setting up of a separate Directorate of Horticulture.

[380. Transferred to 16th December, 1992.]

Increase in Prices of Fertilizers

@@3802. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for increase in price of fertilisers by Government in a very short span;

(b) whether it is a fact that on the announcement of hike in price-rise Government co-operatives, institutions and other group of societies have a good stock of various category of fertilisers on the same day, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the hike in price by Government in Urea, Potassium, Ammonia and D.A.P. average packing weight together with the reasons therefor?

@For Project formulation

@@Previously Unstarred Question 2614
Transferred from 10th December, 1992.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) In order to reduce the fertiliser subsidy burden on the exchequer, the Government, inter-alia, accepted the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) on Fertiliser Pricing to decontrol the price, distribution and movement of phosphatic and potassic fertilisers.

(b) The record of stock position of fertilisers held by State institutional agencies is not maintained on day to day basis, but is maintained as at the beginning of each cropping season. A Statement indicating the estimates of stock of fertilisers held by State institutional agencies as on 1st October, 1992 is enclosed. (see below.)

(c) There is no hike in price by Government in average packing weight of nitrogenous fertilisers including Urea whereas the potassic and phosphatic fertilisers have been decontrolled.

Statement

('000 tonnes)

S. No.	Product	Quantity
1	2	3
1.	Urea	341.55
2.	Ammonium Sulphate	1.27
3.	Calcium Ammonium Nitrate	0.47
4.	Di-Ammonium Phosphate	186.08
5.	Single Super Phosphate	50.30
6.	Rock Phosphate	3.33
7.	Muriate of Potash	56.09
8.	Complexes	
	10 : 26 : 26	11.17
	12 : 32 : 16	13.99
	14 : 35 : 14	0.11
	15 : 15 : 15	6.59
	16 : 20 : 0	1.15
	17 : 17 : 17	20.81
	19 : 19 : 19	1.76
	20 : 20 : 0	23.23

1	2	3
23	: 23 : 0	0.99
28	: 28 : 0	6.03

Wheat Production

3803. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the agriculture scientists of the country have evolved new methodology and strategy to increase wheat production;

(b) if so, the details of new strategy; and

(c) the name of the States in which the new strategy is being implemented and results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A number of new recommendations are made from time to time for increasing productivity in different parts of the country. Some of the latest varieties/practices are as follows:

(i) Identification of GW-170 and GW-193 for irrigated low productivity regions of Central India.

(ii) HI 8381 and PDW 215 to produce durum wheats of export quality.

(iii) K-8962 to increase productivity from Diara lands of North Eastern Region of the country.

(iv) An increase of seed rate by 25% to increase productivity in the North Eastern Region.

(c) The following varietal/general recommendations made in the recent past have been adopted on a large scale in the States indicated and have resulted in higher wheat production.

(i) HUW-206, HUW-234, K-8079 in Eastern U.P. and Bihar.

(ii) PDW-215, CRNN-3004 and WH-542 in Punjab, Haryana and Western U.P.