

extension, up to 31st May. Have they assured that this will be the final extension? Part (b) of my question is, since the report is going to be very bad, will the Government use its power to improve it?

श्री राधा कृष्ण मालवीय : सर, उनकी रिक्वेस्ट पर, जैसा कि मैंने बताया, अभी 31-5-1989 तक उनकी अवधि बढ़ा दी गई है।

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : It is high time this report is given.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Setting up of nitrogen fertiliser plants at Paradip in the private sector

*161. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPARTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering the establishment of a nitrogen fertilizer plant at Paradip in Orissa in the private sector;

(b) whether any proposal to that effect has recently been received by Government; and

(c) if so, by when the said plant is likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL) : (a) to (c) A proposal has been received from M/s. Century Spinning & Manufacturing Company Ltd. for setting up a 900/1500 tpd ammonia/urea plant, based on naphtha as feedstock, at Paradeep. A decision thereon will be taken keeping in view all the relevant factors including demand-supply situa-

tion in the region, availability of feed-stock, infrastructure etc. The time frame for its establishment will depend on the grant of a Letter of Intent and the financial resources of the entrepreneur.

Inclusion of Orissa for Production of Rice under the SFPP

*162. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of States selected for rice production under the Special Foodgrains Production Programme;

(b) whether Orissa is proposed to be included for rice production under the above programme; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL) : (a) Thirteen States, Sir.

(b) and (c) Five districts of Orissa viz.; Balasore, Cuttack, Puri, Sambalpur and Ganjam have been included under the Special Foodgrains Production Programme—Rice.

Use of Modern Technology in farming

*166. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has recently stressed the need to adopt modern techniques in farming to change the face of rural India ;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to get modern techniques of farming; and