

Group Life Insurance Scheme for IRDP beneficiaries

*295. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Group Life Insurance Scheme for the beneficiaries of the Integrated Rural Development Programme has been introduced through out the country from 1st April, 1988;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) the number of beneficiaries expected to be covered under the scheme every year; and

(d) the amount proposed to be assured to the beneficiaries under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Group Insurance Scheme will apply to all IRDP beneficiaries between the age of 18 to 60 years who are assisted after 1-4-88. The insurance cover is for a period of 3 years and the amount payable on the death of beneficiary is Rs. 3000. In the event of death by accident, the family of the Beneficiary will receive Rs. 6000. The total amount of premium payable to Life Insurance Corporation of India to cover all beneficiaries (upto 4 million per year) during 1988-89 is Rs. 15.00 crores and during 1989-90, it will be Rs. 20.00 crores. The cost of premium will be shared equally by the Government of India and the State Governments. No part of premium is payable by the beneficiary.

(c) It is proposed to cover around 3 to 4 million IRDP beneficiaries every year.

(d) The sum assured will be Rs. 3000 with double benefit (Rs. 6000) in the case of accidental death.

Welfare of Blind Persons

*296. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of blind persons covered by the programmes for their welfare and rehabilitation started by Govt., either directly or through voluntary organisations; and

(b) whether Government are satisfied with the situation in this regard; if not, what corrective/remedial steps are proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI):

(a) The number of blind persons who benefitted directly from welfare and rehabilitation programmes organised with assistance of Government of India during 1986-87 was estimated at 8085. Figures regarding persons who benefitted through programmes of State Govts. or of non-grantee voluntary organisations are not available.

(b) Considering the large number of blind people in India, there is need for expanding the programmes for their welfare and rehabilitation. With the available resources, concerted effort shall continue to be made to improve the quality and quantity of these programmes. However, there is also much scope for more community effort through non-governmental organisations.

राज्यों को बीजों की आपूर्ति

*297. श्री रशीद मसूद :

श्री राम नरेश यादव :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राष्ट्रीय बीज निगम ने इस वर्ष देश के विभिन्न राज्यों को बीजों की आपूर्ति की है ;

तो उत्तर प्रदेश, हरियाणा जम्मू और काश्मीर और राजस्थान के राज्यों की कितनी मात्रा में बीज की आपूर्ति की गयी ; और

(ग) इन राज्यों द्वारा कितनी मात्रा में बीज की मांग की गई थी ?

कृषि मंत्री (श्री भजन लाल) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) और (ग) उत्तर प्रदेश, हरियाणा जम्मू व काश्मीर और राजस्थान द्वारा मांगी गई बीजों की मात्रा तथा राष्ट्रीय बीज निगम द्वारा सप्लाई की गई बीजों की मात्रा इस प्रकार है :—

(मात्रा क्वटल में)

राज्य	मांगी गई बीज की मात्रा	सप्लाई की गई बीज की मात्रा
उत्तर प्रदेश	58.254	64.956
हरियाणा	500	1,051
जम्मू और काश्मीर	1,05,003	1,04,276
राजस्थान	2,545	8,459

Cultivation of 'VL Dhan 163' in rainfed areas

*298. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'VL Dhan 163' evolved by the Vivekanand Parvatiya Krishi

Anusandhan Shala Almora was released for cultivation in the rainfed areas of mid-hills of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, what were the results achieved and what has been the rice yield in tonnes per hectare; and

(c) by when this variety of Dhan is likely to be tried in other rainfed areas of the country especially in the North-Eastern States?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a)

Yes, Sir. VL-Dhan-163 has been released for rainfed uplands of U.P. hills and notified vide SO 471(E) dated 5-5-88 by Government of India.

(b) In the multilocation yield trials and coordinated experiments conducted in U.P., VL-Dhan 163 gave an average yield of 24.25 q/ha as against 18.21 q/ha, respectively recorded in the case of check variety 'Bala'. Data on performance of VL-Dhan 163 in U.P. is given in the Statement (See below).

(c) Seeds are being multiplied for undertaking testing of this variety in rainfed upland areas of North Eastern Hill Region.

Statement

Average yield (q/ha) of VL Dhan 163 in multilocal trials in U.P. hills (1982-86)

Variety	Year					Average
	1982 (3)*	1983 (3)	1984 (4)	1985 (3)	1986 (2)	
VL 163-2-2-1-3	17.05	28.15	19.48	29.20	17.29	24.23
Bala (Check)	—	25.58	7.83	17.69	22.57	18.42

*No. of trials indicated in the parenthesis.

Average superiority over Bala is 31.54%