

under the recommendation of International Labour Organisation;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up such projects in the tea garden areas in Assam; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No pilot project for child labour has been set up in the country under the recommendation of the International Labour Organisation. However, a pilot project has been functioning in Sivakasi, Tamil Nadu since 1986 for the welfare of the child labour engaged in the match industry. This project was framed after suitable consultations with the International Labour Organisation.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Disparity in subsidies to the farmers

463. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR

BIRLA;

SHRI KAPIL VERMA;

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the recent study made by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) with regard to the disparities in the input subsidies there are wide disparities in the amount of subsidy enjoyed by the farmers in certain regions in the country and it is much less particularly in the case of Rajasthan State;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating the extent of variations in the farm subsidies in the various regions in the country the reasons for wide disparities in the input subsidies there in farm outputs; the norms laid down to determine the subsidies; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to remove the disparities in the farm subsidies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A study conducted at Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi revealed that there were wide disparities in the amount of input subsidies enjoyed by the farmers in certain regions of the country and it is much less in the case of Rajasthan State. The above study revealed that the states like Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra which together account for 30 per cent of the gross cropped area, enjoyed 50 per cent of the input subsidies; but Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa which account for 27 per cent of the country's gross cropped area get only 9 per cent of input subsidies. The inter-regional disparities in use of agricultural input subsidies per hectare of gross cropped area were also observed in Punjab occupying the top position (Rs. 216.18), followed by Tamil Nadu (Rs. 138.10) and Uttar Pradesh (Rs. 100.99) compared with Orissa (Rs. 15.21) and Rajasthan (Rs. 12.45).

(c) Government are aware of the disparity in agricultural development amongst different parts of the country. Balanced regional development continues to be one of the objectives of the Five Year Plans. Subsidies to the farmer is given uniformly through different schemes. These subsidised supply of seed, minikits subsidised supply of seed, minikits plant protection chemicals and equipment. On fertiliser, a subsidy at source is given to the industry because of which the fertiliser prices are maintained at relatively lower and uniform level throughout the country. The extent to which farmers in a particular State or region avail of the subsidy depends on the

type of crops grown the extent of utilisation of different inputs by the farmers and operation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes. Government's aim is to achieve balanced regional development, which includes balanced agricultural development suited to and consistent with the production potential of different regions of the States.

Women Drug Addiction

464. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that more women in Delhi are becoming drug addicts;

(b) if so, whether any study with regard to the growing drug addiction among women in the city and other parts of the country has been made by Government; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof stating the major causes identified for the rising drug addiction among women in the country and the remedial measures contemplated by Government to check the menace?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI MATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) to (c) No information is available which could point towards more and more women becoming addicts. However, Government has adopted a multi-dimensional approach involving identification, referral services, treatment, public awareness, education, rehabilitative services, training of functionaries, besides controlling illicit trafficking to combat the problem of

drug abuse amongst all classes of society.

Development activities undertaken under the IRDP in Andhra Pradesh

465. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) the details of the works and development programmes undertaken under the Integrated Rural Development Programme in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years and the funds allotted for this programme during this period, category-wise and year-wise; and

(b) the categories of people benefited in the State under the programme and the achievements made during the last three years in the State in the field of Minimum Needs Programme, Special Area Development Programmes and Assistance Programme for the poor households etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POJJARI): (a) and (b) Under the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) any economically viable scheme can be taken up under primary, secondary and tertiary sectors. The target group of IRDP comprise small farmers, marginal farmers, rural artisans and other residing in rural areas with a family income below the cut off level of Rs. 4,800 per annum. However, funds are not allocated category-wise under IRDP. During 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 funds allocated under IRDP to Andhra Pradesh and families assisted in the State were as follows:

	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
Allocation (Rs. Lakhs)	2666.33	3739.77	4347.72
Families assisted (Nos)	180115	256944	263559
SC/ST	96883	134037	127004
Women	23378	42631	51948