

Centrally Sponsored Scheme for development of Consumers Cooperatives in the urban and rural areas.

Implementation of World Food Programme in Rajasthan

404. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the programme implemented or proposed to be implemented in the tribal areas of Rajasthan under the World Food Programme; and

(b) the number of tribals given employment so far under the above programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) There are four projects implemented under the World Food Programme in Rajasthan:—

(i) Project 2206 Exp. IV—Supplementary Nutrition Programme for pre-school children, pregnant women and nursing mothers.

(ii) Project 2600—Food Assistance for new settlers in Rajasthan Nahar Project area.

(iii) Project 259 Exp. III—Food assistance to labour working in Indira Gandhi Nahar Project.

(iv) Project 2773—Employment through forestry activities in Rajasthan.

These projects are not limited to only tribal areas in the State. The first two projects listed above are not employment oriented projects. As regards the third project the work force is coming from the adjoining districts of Jodhpur, Barmer, Nagaur, etc. and is composed almost entirely of non-tribals.

The fourth project, namely, "Employment through forestry activities in Rajasthan", however, predominantly serves tribal areas. Under this project WFP will supply over a period of five years 34,332 MT of wheat, 3,433 MT of vegetable oil and 3,433 MT of pulses in the seven districts—Banswara, Bhilwara, Chittorgarh, Dungarpur, Kota, Sirohi and Udaipur. WFP food rations are supplied for 200 days in a year for forestry workers engaged on forestry works. The daily average number of workers in the project are 25200. It is expected that when the project is fully operational, 17,166 families will benefit from WFP food rations. Since the districts covered under WFP project are mostly inhabited by tribals, it is expected that about 80—90 per cent of the beneficiaries will be of tribal origin.

Financial Assistance for Welfare Schemes in Rajasthan for the aged persons

405. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial assistance is being given to voluntary organisations in Rajasthan for welfare schemes for the aged persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of new schemes, if any, proposed to be introduced for the welfare of the aged persons?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI-MATI SUMATI RAON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) At present there is no proposal to introduce any new scheme for the welfare of the aged.