

Indo-North Korea Cooperation

526. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India and North Korea have signed farm cooperation pact, and

(b) if so, the details there of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) :
(a) A workplan for 1986 and 1987 has been signed on the 22nd September, 1986 at New Delhi, under the Protocol between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) on cooperation in the field of Agricultural Scientific Research Training and Irrigation.

(b) The Workplan in question *inter-alia* provides for :—

(i) Exchange of germplasm and breeding material for experimental purposes ;

(ii) Exchange of visits by scientists for short duration in various fields of agricultural and allied disciplines such as :

—Cotton breeding and cultivation.

—Methods and technology of breeding of rice, maize sor-

ghum, soyabean and sesamum. respectively.

—On-farm water management.

—Study of fisheries.

—Study of reclamation of coastal soils.

—Study of medicinal and aromatic plants.

—Study of breeding and production and technology of temperate fruits and vegetables.

Impact of Drought and Flood

527. SHRI KAPIL VERMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) what has been the impact of drought and floods in various States during the current year and what is the extent of damage to property and crops caused thereby; and

(b) the extent to which Kharif crop production has been affected thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) Information on the extent of damage due to drought and floods, as reported by various States during monsoon/post monsoon period of 1986 is given in the enclosed Statement. (See below) I and II [See Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 21]