

SHRI V. N. GADGIL: Sir, already 64 biographies have been published. Seventy-four titles in various Indian languages are in various stages of production. Now, this is being reviewed. As I have already said, I am prepared to go into the whole list. Any hon. Member can make any suggestion.

SHRI KHUSHWANT SINGH: Mr. Chairman, Sir the hon. Minister has given the list. I find in this, a name called 'Sardar Sardul Singh Carestani'. But there is no such person unless it means Sardar Sardul Singh Kavishar. Even in that, although he was a national leader, he ended his career in jail not for the country, but on account of an insurance fraud.

SHRI V. N. GADGIL: I will check it up.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have taken note of the information. Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Rice Subsidy Scheme

*161. SHRI S. B. RAMESH BABU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are aware of the Andhra Pradesh Government scheme to provide subsidised rice to the economically weaker sections;

(b) whether the Central Government propose to extend the scheme to other States; and

(c) the extent to which the Central Government are financing the Andhra Pradesh Government to carry on the rice subsidy programme?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Information has been received that Andhra Pradesh Government provides subsidised rice at Rs. 2/- per Kg. to consumers with an annual income of less than Rs. 6,000/-.

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(b) No, Sir.

(c) Central Government supplies rice to all State Governments, including Andhra Pradesh, at a uniform price of Rs. 208, Rs. 220 and Rs. 235 per quintal for common, fine and superfine varieties, respectively, for distribution under public distribution system. During 1983-84, the consumer's subsidy on rice was Rs. 66.70 per quintal.

Integrated rural Development Programme

†*162. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of rural people State-wise, who have crossed, till date the poverty line as a result of the implementation of the Integrated Rural Development Programme; and

(b) how these figures have been worked out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) and (b) Under the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) against a target of assisting 15 million households below the poverty line in the VIth Plan, upto February, 1985, 15.8 million families had been assisted. A statement is laid on the Table of the House indicating the state-wise position.

However, the impact of the programme in terms of increase in the income would be available when the evaluation reports on IRDP under preparation by the Programme Evaluation Organisation of the Planning Commission and the National Sample Survey Organisation's Household Consumption Expenditure Survey 1983 (38th Round) will be out.

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