

(d) if so, when the decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND RET HABILITATION (SHRI RAW

KINKER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) House Building Advance administered by this Ministry is granted to Central Government servants only. The employees of the Municipal Corporation are not Central Government servants, and as such the question of grant of House Building Advance to them by this Ministry does not arise.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(d) Does not arise.

Central Assistance to Government Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas in Punjab

1054. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what assistance, financial or otherwise has been given by the Central Government to the Government Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas in Punjab during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the posts of Acharya cadre are lying vacant in Government Sanskrit Maha-vidyalayas in Punjab for many years.

(c) if so, what is the number in each Mahavidyalaya;

(d) whether certain Acharyas have been working against such vacancies; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons for not giving them the pay scales agreed to be given by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUN-DER): (a) Government of India has not been giving any assistance financial or otherwise to the Government Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas in Punjab.

The Government of India does not run any Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya in Punjab.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Target of output of Seeds of the National Seeds Corporation for 1978

1055. SHRI CHADALAVADA VENKATARAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target of output of seeds of the National Seeds Corporation for the year 1978;

(b) whether the target has been fulfilled; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) to (c) Target for production of seeds for Kharif, 1978 and for Rabi-Summer 1978-79 was 6,49,122 quintals. Against this, the total production expected is 5,11,906 quintals. Shortage of breeder and foundation seed and poor response from growers for certain crops and varieties are the main reasons for short production.

Arable Land for Irrigation.

1056. SHRI U. R. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total acreage of arable land now available throughout India for Irrigation, State-wise; and

(b) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration for increasing the area of land for irrigation?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) The total agricultural area in the country is reported to be 167.052 million hectare as per the latest available land utilisation statistics (1975-76). The State-wise figures are given in the attached Statement.

(b) The ultimate irrigation potential as presently assessed is 113.3