

(b) whether it is also a fact that .his Ministry has not yet approved various redevelopment schemes for the area; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Delhi Urban Art Commission has recently cleared the redevelopment schemes in respect of certain areas included in the jurisdiction of New Delhi Municipal Committee.

(c) Necessary action to approve the redevelopment schemes is being taken.

New 'Multi-Line' Variety of Wheat

76. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of centres set up by the Central Government in the wheat producing areas excluding (Punjab for propagating the new 'Multiline' variety of wheat; and

(b) whether the new variety of wheat yields an uniform 15 per cent increase in wheat production throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) In addition to the Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar and the C.S. Azad University of Agriculture and Technology Kanpur are working on multilines of wheat as a part of the Wheat Improvement Programme under the All India Coordinated Research Project on Wheat.

(b) The multi-line in wheat improvement is basically yield stabilization programme. The superiority of the multi-lines will be in resistance to diseases. In a rust epidemic year, the multi-lines are expected to gave higher yields than the susceptible parental variety. Hence it is not possible to expect an uniform increase of 15 per cent in yield throughout the country. However, fluctuations in yield due to rust epidemics may be minimised.

Improvement of the Standard of the Indian Hockey Team

77. SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV: SHRI RAMANAND YADAV; SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA; SHRI SITARAM KESRI: SHRI DHARAM CHAND JAIN; SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Go-vinda, Aslam Sher Khan and Ajitpal Singh, hockey players of international repute, were not included in the Indian team which had been badly defeated in the recent Fourth World Cup Tournament at Buenos Aires in Agrentine;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to improve the standard of our hockey team?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (SHRI DHANNA SINGH GUL-SHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Selection of the Indian Hockey team was entirely within the jurisdiction of the Indian Hockey Federation which is an independent and autonomous body.

(c) A report on the performance of Indian hockey team in the World Hockey Cup tournament held at Buenos Aires has been called for from the Indian Hockey Federation. On receipt of the report from the Federation the matter will be considered by the Government in consultation with the All India Council of Sports.

Increase in Supply of Buffaloes and Cows to Farmers

78. SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to increase the supply of buffaloes and cows to farmers and landless labourers in the country in order to supplement their income;

(b) whether Government propose to give loans/grants/subsidy for this purpose; and

(c) if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHAKU PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (c) The ongoing special schemes like Small farmers' Development Agency, Drought Prone Area Programme, Tribal Area Development and Hill Area Development include supply of cows and buffaloes to the identified small and marginal farmers and agricultural labourers. Subsidy is allowed from the project funds for this purpose. The institutional credit agencies provide loans towards the balance of cost. There is no other specific proposal under consideration of Government to increase the supply of buffaloes and cows to farmers and agricultural labourers.

The rate of subsidy is 25 per cent, for small farmers and 33-1/3 per cent for marginal farmers and agricultural labourer,, under the SFDA/ DPAP Scheme. It is 5D per cent under Hill Area and Tribal Area Development Projects; The number of persons benefited from the inception of the projects upto December, 1977 as follows:—

SFDA	3^2,994
DPAP	2 1,689
TAD 1,857
HAD	660

Termination of Services faced by the Temporary Teachers of Banaras Hindu University

79. SHRI RAMANAND .YADAV: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware that services of about 500 temporary teachers who have been working for a long time in the Banaras Hindu University are being terminated; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to avert this mass retrenchment?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE: (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUN-DER): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by Bana-ras Hindu University, services of teachers who were appointed for six months or for the duration of the academic session 1977-78 will automatically stand terminated at the end of the session.

Development of Forests in the Country

80. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRI CULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state: