

3. Government have launched the National Seeds Programme which aim^s at adequate and timely supply of seeds to farmers at reasonable prices through the net-work of sale counters and dealers at the village level.

III. FERTILISERS:

1. Efforts were made to make available fertilisers to farmers at as reasonable a cost as possible by (a) reducing prices wherever possible; (b) providing subsidy to farmers; and (c) reduction of customs duty/excise levy where possible.

2. Efforts were made to increase the number of retail outlets and storage points so that fertiliser became available to farmers nearer to the place of consumption.

3. To cope with unforeseen shortage of fertilisers due to failure of domestic production or sudden spurt in demand, a system of buffer-stocking was introduced.

Dwelling Units under construction by the DDA

636. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of dwelling units under construction, the work on which has been suspended for want of cement and steel and for non-payment to the contractors by the DDA during the last three years; and

(b) what steps Government are taking so that the construction work on these quarters is resumed?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) Works have not been suspended but the tempo has come down due to financial stringency.

(b) Loan of Rs. 2 crores has already been arranged through the Genar Insurance Corporation.

Pitcher Plant Facing Danger of Extinction

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the pitcher plant is facing extinction; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to save it from extinction?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) The pitcher plant is an endangered species but not on the verge of extinction.

(b) The following steps have been taken for its protection:

(i) This has been included in the list of plants banned for export purposes.

(ii) The natural habitats of this plant in Meghalaya, have been conserved and declared as 'Pitcher Plant Conservatories'.

(iii) Through publication and distribution of popular note on this plant by the Forest Department, Meghalaya Shillong, the public are being educated to protect it.

Collection of Material for the Delhi Archives

638. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to acquire for the Delhi Archives copies of documents manuscripts and other historical material relating to Delhi from other State archives and libraries and

(b) whether Government propose to get such material also from the British archives and museums and from the India House Library, London?

THE MINISTER OF STATE, IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (SHRI DHANNA SINGH GULSHAN)

(a) and b) The Regional Records Survey Committee of the Delhi Administration has recommended that copies of records and other source material of interest to Delhi from India and abroad be acquired by the Delhi Archives. This recommendation is under consideration of the Delhi Administration

ग्राम स्वास्थ्य योजना के अधीन सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य कर्मचारी

639. श्री गुरुदेव गुप्त : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री 23 नवम्बर, 1977 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 404 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उन सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य कर्मचारियों द्वारा जिन्हें ग्राम स्वास्थ्य योजना के अधीन प्रशिक्षण दिया गया था कब तक अपना कार्य आरम्भ करने की संभावना है ;

(ख) ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में इन प्रशिक्षित व्यक्तियों को किस प्रकार का कार्य सौंपे जाने की संभावना है और

(ग) इन व्यक्तियों पर और उनके अधीन औषधि भंडारों पर आवर्ती तथा अनावर्ती व्यय के रूप में कितनी वार्षिक धन-राशि व्यय की जाने की संभावना है ?

†[Community health works under the Rural Health Scheme

639. SHRI GURUDEV GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 404 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd November, 1977 and state:

(a) by when the community health workers, who were given training under the Rural Health Scheme, are likely to start their work;

(d) what functions are likely to be assigned to these trained persons in the rural areas; and

(e) what is the amount of annual recurring and non-recurring expenditure likely to be incurred on these persons and on the medicine stores under them?]

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव) :

(क) जन-स्वास्थ्य रक्षकों के जिस प्रथम बैच ने 31-12-1977 को प्रशिक्षण पूरा कर लिया है, वे लोगों की सेवा करने के लिए अपने-अपने गांवों में जा चुके हैं। इसी भांति 31-3-78 तक दूसरे बैच के प्रशिक्षण पूरा होने पर वे भी लोगों की सेवा के लिए अपने-अपने गांवों में उपलब्ध हो जाएंगे।

(ख) और (ग) जन-स्वास्थ्य रक्षक लोगों के स्वास्थ्य को सुधारने और बीमारियों की रोकथाम करने का कार्य करेंगे। वह प्राथमिक और ग्राम बीमारियों का भी इलाज करेगा। किन्तु उसका यह काम प्राथमिक उपचार के रूप में होगा। उसके पास एक किट होगा जिसमें आधुनिक चिकित्सा पद्धति और देश के उस भाग में प्रचलित परम्परागत पद्धतियों की कुछ ग्राम दवाइयां होंगी।

1977-78 में जितना अनुमानित खर्च होने की संभावना है वह इस प्रकार है—

आवर्ती	3,22,45,000.00 रुपए
(इसमें दवाइयों के लिए	
	23,31,000.00 रुपए शामिल हैं)
अनावर्ती	1,03,85,000.00
कुल	4,26,30,000.00

‡[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGD-AMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) The