

(c) Total quantity of fertiliser supplied to various States during the last two years i.e. 1973-74 and 1974-75 commencing from February and ending with the following January, both from Pool and domestic sources, is given in the Annexure. [See Appendix XC, Annexure No. 86]

†Scheme for the Development of Indigenous Manure

1181. SHRI DEORAO PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any scheme for the development of indigenous manure and the installation of gobar gas plants in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) An integrated scheme for development of local manurial resources both in rural and urban areas has been sanctioned for implementation in the 5th Five Year Plan with an outlay of Rs. 9 crores under the central sector.

The scheme consists of the following components:—

1. Setting up of 27 mechanical compost plants in cities having population of 3 lakhs and above to manufacture compost manure from city wastes. During 1974-75 one compost plant will be set up in Ahmedabad. Central assistance by way of grant-in-aid to the extent of 33% of the capital cost will be given to Municipal Corporations/Agro-Industries Corporations volunteering to set up these plants.

2. 200 sewage/sullage utilisation schemes in cities/towns where such potentialities exist, which will irrigate an area of 16,000 hectares: 40 schemes are proposed to be taken up in 1974-75. Central assistance by way of grant-in-aid to the extent of 33% of the capital cost will be given to the Municipal Com-

mittees/Corporations taking up such schemes.

3. Setting up of 1,00,000 gobar gas plants in rural areas for production of gas for fuel purposes and good quality manure for agricultural production: 20,000 plants will be set up in 1974-75 and 1975-76 as a 'seeding programme' for which purpose 25% subsidy on the capital cost will be given to the beneficiaries. Besides, loan assistance from the nationalised banks will also be provided.

4. Award of prizes to local bodies and gram panchayats doing excellent compost work.

5. Organisation of demonstration-cum-training camps by the Farmers' Associations regarding production and use of organic manures: 200 such camps will be organised every year and a grant of Rs. 250/- per camp will be made available to these Associations.

‡Fair Price Shop at Rashtrapati Bhavan

1430. SHRI D. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fair price shops in Rashtrapati Bhavan and the Rashtrapati Bhavan Co-operative Store do not register new ration cards for the supply of essential commodities like wheat, rice, sugar, kerosene, dalda and coal as a result of which persons living in North Avenue are put to great inconvenience;

(b) if so, what is the authorised limit of the said store and shops in the Rashtrapati Bhavan in respect of each rationed article; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up fair price shops or co-operative store or a branch of super bazar at North Avenue to help people living in the areas to get these essential commodities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) to (c): The Delhi

†Transferred from the 9th December, 1974.

‡Transferred from the 12th December, 1974.