

Permission to Indian Cricket team for tour in England

207. SHRI S. W. DHABE : Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Cricket Team have taken any permission from Government for the tour in England ; and

(b) whether any procedure has been prescribed by Government for according permission to conduct tours and taking teams to other countries ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Proposals of the recognised Sports Federations for sending their teams abroad for participation in International Sports meets are examined in consultation with the All India Council of Sports. Wherever the Council recommends participation, on the basis of the standard of the teams and the prospect of a reasonable performance by them in the tournaments abroad, as also in consideration of advantages, accruing to Indian Sportsmen from such International meets, the Government of India clears the proposal.

Emergency Plan for Food Production submitted by Kerala Government

208. SHRI S. KUMARAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Kerala Government has submitted an emergency plan of Rs. Nine crores to the Central Government for producing additional foodgrains during the current year ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government have taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) and (b) At his meeting on 22nd June, 1974 with the Union Minister of Agriculture, the State Agriculture Minister of Kerala, put forward proposals for an Emergency Food Production Programme for 1974-75 for additional foodgrain production during the current year.

The details of the proposals are broadly as under :

(i) Providing infrastructural facilities for raising additional crops involving 50 per cent subsidy towards investment for land development (subject to a maximum of Rs. 1625 per hectare). Central assistance asked for this programme was Rs. 1.98 crores. Additional production potential was indicated at 24.4 thousand tonnes of rice.

(ii) Free supply of pumpsets to provide irrigation facilities for taking additional crop of paddy in an area of 21.4 thousand hectares. The cost of the scheme was indicated at about 0.85 crores. Additional production potential was indicated at 42.8 thousand tonnes of rice.

(iii) Minor irrigation works including particularly construction and renovation of lift irrigation works and bunds etc. to benefit an area of 6.5 thousand hectares of paddy fields. The cost involved was indicated at Rs. 2.30 crores and additional production potential for the year was indicated at about 6.6 thousand tonnes of rice.

(iv) Acceleration of work on six major irrigation projects so as to benefit 6.4 thousand hectares of paddy land. Central assistance asked was Rs. 2.00 crores. Additional production potential was indicated at 18.4 thousand tonnes of rice.

(v) Programmes of the Kerala State Electricity Board for laying transmission lines, giving service connections etc.