

This programme will be executed in the State, Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector Schemes. During the Fifth Plan, it is proposed to treat an area of about 1 million hectares of forest and grass lands, besides the agricultural land.

A provision of about Rs. 262 crores has tentatively been made for executing the composite programme of soil and water conservation in the Fifth Plan. Besides, an amount of about Rs. 80 crores by likely to be available from D.P.A.P. and S.F.D.A. programmes. A provision of Rs. 39.5 crores for programmes such as 'Road, Railway side and Canal Bank Plantation', 'Development of pasture and grazing including fodder banks', 'Reforestation of Degraded Forests', 'Mixed Plantations in suitable wasteland, Panchayat lands, etc.,' and 'Raising of Shelter Belts' is also being made. Implementation of this programme will improve the forest and grass lands in the country and prevent soil erosion to a considerable extent.

Levy on Rice Mills

1080. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the State Governments propose to increase the quantum of the levy on rice mills from the next procurement season; and

(b) if so, the names of such States and the amount of levy which they propose to increase, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Folk Drama of West Bengal

1081. SHRIMATI AZIZA IMAM: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to promote the folk drama of West Bengal (Jatra);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) and (b) The promotion of folk drama and theatre of different regions is one of the objectives of the Sangeet Natak Akademi, an autonomous organisation set up by the Government. This is sought to be achieved under various schemes of the Akademi, such as giving awards to the folk theatre artists, subsidy for performances and recording and filming of the folk dramas with a view to their preservation and encouragement. Accordingly, the Jatra shows of West Bengal have been filmed and recorded by the Akademi and a further documentation work is done whenever necessary. The eminent Jatra actor, late Shri Phani Bhusan Vidyabinode has also received the Akademi award.

(c) Does not arise.

Admission of Foreign Students for Post Doctoral Studies

1082. SHRI M. K. MOHTA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to restrict the admission of foreign students in Indian Universities for the post-doctoral studies;