

the susceptibility of these varieties to pests and diseases is much higher than the traditional varieties. The Government have taken several steps to extend the new strategy to paddy growing areas which include minikit programme. Now as a result of All India Coordinated Rice Improvement Project going on, a number of varieties have*become available and under this programme released and pre-released varieties are being tested extensively under field conditions. The results of these trials would help to make a proper choice of varieties suitable for different agro-climate regions of the country. Seed multiplication of the proven varieties is also being undertaken by National Seed Corporation. Besides the problem of pests and diseases is also proposed to be tackled on a large scale by demonstrating the efficiency on plant protection measures.

(c) No, Sir. Study to analyse the impact of modern technology on employment opportunities has not been conducted on all India basis. However, a pilot study in Karnal, Haryana, on economics of tractors versus bullock cultivation conducted by Agro-economic research Centre, Delhi concludes that tractorization on an average tractor farmers have 13% more requirement of farm labour force than bullock operated farm. The use of tractor has generally cut down the labour requirement of ploughing. To some extent this reduction has been offset by increase in labour requirement on tractor farms for other operations like weeding, irrigation and harvesting. The survey was conducted in initial stages of tractorisation on pilot basis on limited area.

OPENING OF MODEL SCHOOLS

1060. SHRIMATILAKSHMIKUMARI CHUNDAWAT :

SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN ARIF: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have since taken any final decision with regard to the opening of Model Schools all over the country; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D.P. YADAV) : (a) No, Sir. .

(b) Does not arise.

SETTING UP OF YOUTH CAMPS TO TACKLE ILLITERACY

1061. SHRISANDANARAYANAPPA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up youth camps during the summer vacation to enable youths to tackle the problem of illiteracy; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D.P. YADAV) : (a) and (b) Government is considering a proposal and involve youth in literacy work. The details are yet to be worked out.

PROBE INTO THE DEFECTIVE CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES BY DDA IN JANAKPURI

1062. SHRI S.A. KHAJA MOHIDEEN; SHRI SWAISINGH SISODIA :

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 623 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th February, 1973 and state:

(a) whether the report of the Committee appointed by the Vice-Chairman of the Delhi Development Authority has since been received ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action proposed to be taken by Government in the matter;

(d) whether it is a fact that the demand of the Federation of the Associations of Residents to associate the block representatives who were in a better position than •