

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. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI 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. SHRI SANDA NARAYANAPPA: 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 ahas 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

anybody else, to bring to the notice of the Committee, the extent of the defects, was not conceded; if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(e) whether Government propose to associate the respective Block Associations of the area for removing the defects in the individual houses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI OM MEHTA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee has found some defects such as efflorescence action on the compound walls, defective floorings, roofs, wood work, electrical work and sanitary fittings.

(c) Action has already been taken by D.D.A. to rectify the defects to the extent possible.

(d) Yes, Sir. The matter was carefully examined by the D.D.A. but they did not find it necessary to include the representatives of the Association in the Committee which was purely a Departmental Committee.

(e) Does not arise, in view of the answer to Part (c) of the question.

#### NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM FOR DELHI

1063. SHRIMATI SITA DEVI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a natural history museum in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof and the advantages likely to be derived from this museum ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details are being drawn up.

#### NATIONAL BOOK TRUST

1064. SHRI SANDA NARAYANAPPA :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 9th April, 1973, the Chairman and other officials of the National Book Trust were "gheraoed" for nearly two hours ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) whether Government propose to appoint an enquiry committee to look into the alleged grievances of the employees: and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Some employees of the National Book Trust, along with others who were not employees of the Trust, have registered themselves as a trade union and have been insisting on the Trust to recognise their union, which the Trust has not recognised. This is the main reason for the "gherao".

(c) Government do not propose to appoint any Inquiry Committee. The grievances of the staff, if any, will certainly be considered both by the Trust and the Government. In fact the Chairman of the Trust has already been looking into the charter of demands, submitted by the employees, and some demands have already been met. The Trust has also advised the employees that should they form themselves into a staff association without outsiders, the Trust is prepared to negotiate with them on that basis.

#### JAYANTI VILLAGES IN ANDHRA PRADESH

1065. SHRI K.L.N. PRASAD : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh have submitted to the Central Government a list of villages in the State to be adopted as "Jayanti Villages" for implementing developmental programmes;

(b) if so, whether the villages so adopted include all hamlets thereof; and

(c) the amount of expenditure and assistance sought for from the Central Government for implementing the scheme?