

of Rs. 11:92 crores is being availed of by the Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd. project. The complex fertilizer Plant at Kandla and the Ammonia and Urea plants at Kalol are expected to be commissioned by March, 1974.

EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME

500. DR. B. N. ANTANI: SHRI M. K. MOHTA: KUMARI SHANTA VISISHT: SHRI CHITTA BASU: SHRI GOLAP BARBORA: SHRI MAHITOSH PURA-KAYASTHA: SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD: SHRI CHANDRAMOULI JAGARLAMUDI: SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an "Employment Programme" envisaging jobs for 1000 people in each district was started in April, 1971;

(b) if so, the names of the States for which the schemes have been approved and started and when the schemes for the other remaining States are likely to be finalised;

(c) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on the programme; and

(d) the period likely to be taken in its execution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE/

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(PROF. SHER SINGH):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Schemes have been approved in 258 districts distributed over different States and Union Territories except Nagaland and Dadra & Nagar

Haveli for which proposals have not been received. Proposals for another 57 districts have been processed and sanctions are under issue; proposals for 20 districts are under examination; and proposals for the remaining 20 districts are awaited.

(c) and (d) The current year's estimate of expenditure is Rs. 50 crores. It is envisaged that the scheme will continue to be in operation during the remaining period of the Fourth Plan.

DEVELOPMENT BLOCKS IN THE COUNTRY

501. SHRI M. K. MOHTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE/

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Development Blocks in the country alongwith their State-wise break-up;

(b) the number of staff and average administrative and contingent expenditure on a block; and

(c) the steps taken to cut the administrative expenditure in them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE/

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(1) PROF. SHER SINGH: (a) A statement giving the total number of Development Blocks State-wise is appended.

(b) The staffing pattern for a Block approved by the Ministry some time back provided for a Block Development Officer, 9 Extension Officers, 10 Gram Savaks 2 Gram Sevikas and a supporting staff of about 20 including staff at primary health centre and veterinary dispensary. The pattern provided for an expenditure of Rs. 3.83 lakhs on staff (including preexisting staff in a Block) and expenditure on contingencies over a period of five years. This works out to an average expenditure of Rs. 64,680 per annum on staff and Rs.