SI. Name of International Organisation/foreign Nature of assistance Remarks No. country III. Voluntary Agencies 10 Norwegian refugee Coun- Rs. 3,00,000 The amount has been received by the Central cil. Relief Committee (India) for purchase of clothings for East Bengal refugees. \$70,000 and a large quantity 11 International Red Cross The International Red Cross Society has been reque-Society. of goods in kind. sted to send the goods by air. Contributions to the tune of Most of the commodities 12 Contributions announced by the National Rs. 40.00 lakhs in the offered have been received Societies to the Indian or are in the process of form of milk powder, food, medicines, gs, Multivitamin Red Cross Society. baby transportation. clothings, tablets etc. and cash have Cash amount of Rs. 9,31,000 been offered by the Natio-nal Societies of Australia, has also been received. Austria, Belgium, Canaga, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain, Germany (Fed. Rep)., Ireland, (Fed. Rep)., Ireland, Japan, Luxemburg, New

Netherlands, Philippines,

U. S. A. Medico Internation Frankfurt, to the Indian Red Cross Society.]

Sweden,

Zealand,

Norway, Switzerland,

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS OF NEW FRIENDS COOPERATIVE HOUSE BUILDING SOCIETY NEW DELHI

- 210. SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE,
- (a) whether the Registrar of Cooperative Societies or any person authorised by him have been auditing the accounts of the New Friends Cooperative House Building Society, New Delhi from year to year; and
- (b) if so, whether the Chartered Accountant who audited the accounts of the Society for the year ending June, 1970 was appointed by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE / GRANNATH PAHADIA): (a) The statutory audit of the New Friends Cooperative House Building Society, New Delhi, has been conducted

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- upto the year 1968-69 by the nominees of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Delhi.
- (b) The statutory audit for the year 1969-70 has not yet been completed. The chartered accountants who are stated to have audited the accounts for this year were not appointed by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies.

t INTERNATIONAL AID FOR REHABILITATION OF REFUGEES

- 216. SHRI SITRAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION/ STATE THE TRANSPORT OF T
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India has asked for international aid for the rehabilitation of lakhs of refugees coming from Bangla Desh;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Indian Permanent Representative to the United Nations met U.N. Secretary-General in this connection: and

26th May, 1971.

(c) if so, with what results?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR REHABILITATION/ और मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A three-man team headed by the U.N. Deputy High Commissioner for refugees came to India to make an on the sjjot assessment of the dimensions of the problem created by the influx of refugees. On the basis of the assessment made by the team, the Secretary General has made an appeal to all nations and private organisations to provide emergency assistance for the relief of the refugees from East Bengal, in response to Secretary-General's appeal, some countries have already announced offers of assistance. An inter-agency consultation unit consisting of representatives of UNICEF, F.A.O., W.H.O. and the World Food Programme has been established at Geneva. The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees will act as the focal point for coordinating assistance from various organisations of the U.N. system.

fMODERN CHEMICAL FERTILISERS

- 219. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of AGRUCUL-TURE/ कृषि मना be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that almost all the principal modern chemical fertilisers commercially available in Japan have been found to contain cancer-causing substances;
- (b) if so, whether Government are contemplating to make a thorough examination of the fertiliser manufactured and used in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICUL-TURE/कृषि (SHRI 'ANNASAHEB P. SHJNDE): (a) According to recent press reports, a Japanese research scientist has found that six varieties of chemical fertilisers produced in Japan contained small quantities of hydro-carbons which may cause cancer. The Japanese scientist I is. however, reported to have not been i able to find out the extent to which these dangerous substances find then I may into the crop plants.

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(b) The reported findings of the Japanese scientist are under examination in consultation with Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Ministry of Health and the Department of Food

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JRURAL WORKS PROGRAMME

237. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR Will the Minister of RICULTURE/ कृषि मनो be Phased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the rural works programme of the Fourth Plan with an outlay of Rs. 100 crores start ed last August in the chronically drought-affected areas, has not progressed well.
- (b) the names of the States where districts have been selected for the pur pose and which have submitted their plans; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that some of the States have diverted this money to other items of work earmarked in the original plan; if so, what action Gov ernment propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRIFINIor AGRirni-TURE/कृषि मंत्रालय (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) An outlay of Rs. 100 crores has been made for the non-plan Central Sector scheme for Rural Works Programme in the chronically drought prone areas for the period from 1970-71 to 1973-74. For the year 1970-71 initially a budget provision of Rs. 25 crores was made. A total outlay of Rs. 13.85 crores was approved for implementation of various schemes proposed by the State Governments under the Rural Works Programme during the year 1970-71 in 45 of the 54 selected districts.

The anticipated expenditure reported by the States till the end of 1970-71 was Rs. 9.05 crores. The identification and selection of hard core of the drought affected areas could be finalised only by the middle of October, 1970. The project reports furnished by the State Governments were processed and the schemes sanctioned very quickly. In most of the States, there was only a short working season available after the sanction of the schemes. In addition, the States had to clear the

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