

3. 1972-73

(a) Idgah Expn.	4000 lines	(5000-9000)
(b) Karolbagh Expn.	2000 lines	(7000-9000)
(c) Bahadurgarh Expn.	100 lines	(400-500)
(d) Najafgarh Expn.	100 lines	(200-300)
TOTAL	6200 lines	

4. 1973-74

(a) Gaziabad Expn.	300 lines	(1500-1800)
(b) Delhi Cantt. Expn.	600 lines	(1800-2400)
(c) Okhla Expn.	2500 lines	(2500-5000)
(d) Shahdra East Main	1000 lines	(New Exchange)
(e) Hauz Khas Main	2500 lines	"
TOTAL	6900 lines	

Total no. of lines expected to be commissioned in 1969-74 } 38,000 Lines out of which 3000 lines will in replacement.

Thus the additional equipped capacity of 35,000 lines is expected to be commissioned during 1969-74.

New exchanges are planned in Chand-ni Chowk, Ishazari, Karolbagh and Minto Road areas to provide relief to existing exchanges. These are likely to be commissioned in later plan periods. The programme of commissioning of exchanges is subject to adjustment in the light of supplies from time to time.

PRODUCTION OF CROPS

1465 SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Green Revolution which has boosted the production of staple foods has affected the production of other crops;

(b) if so, whether Government have made a study on the subject;

(c) if so the details of the study made

to what measures are being taken to boost the production of other crops which are not covered under the Green Revolution.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Centrally sponsored schemes for boosting the production of Commercial Crops have been taken up in potential areas wherein Intensive Cultivation measures are being adopted.

DAMAGE TO RABI CROP

1466. SHRI PHOOL SINGH :
DR. DEBIPRASAD CHAT-
TOPADHYAYA : DR. (MRS.)
MANGLADEVI
TALWAR : SHRI
DALPAT SINGH : SHRI P. S.
PATIL :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the extent and quantum of damage to rabi crop damaged this year on account of the premature rains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : Reports had been received that considerable damage had been caused to the wheat, particularly the harvested crop still awaiting threshing, by untimely and successive spells of heavy rains in the months of May and June in the States of Punjab, Haryana, some parts of Uttar Pradesh and the Union Territories of Delhi and Chandigarh. Actual statistics of damage are not available except in regard to following States :—

II.P.—Loss to grain and fodder has

been to the extent of 5 to 25%.

Haryana—Over-all loss of about 3% has been estimated.

Punjab—Grain and fodder were spoiled to the extent of 10% to 33% in four districts of the State, viz. Hoshiarpur, Rupar, Ludhiana and Patiala.

Delhi—Only 3% to 5% of the un-threshed crop was partly damaged.

ALL INDIA RURAL CREDIT REVIEW REPORT

1467. SHRI PHOOL SINGH :
DR. DEBIPRASAD CHAT-
TOPADHYAYA :
DR. (MRS) MANGLADEVI
TALWAR :
SHRI DALPAT SINGH :
SHRI P. S. PATIL :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the findings of the All India Rural Credit Review Report 1969 to the following facts :—

(i) for every hundred households possessing less than half an acre of land, there are only 9 draft cattles;

(ii) for every 100 households possessing between half an acre of land

and one acre of land holding' there are 48 draft cattle;

(Hi) for every hundred households possessing between 1 and 21 acres of land holdings there are 98 draft cattle: and

(b) if so, what steps Government intend to take to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) Yes. According to the Report, for every hundred households, there were only 8 working cattle for holdings upto 0.49 acre, 43 those between 0.5 and 1.0 acre and 86 for those from 1.0 to 2.49 acres.

(b) Special measures have been taken • by the Government of India for giving assistance to small and marginal farmers to obtain credit from institutional sources for improving their agriculture. The Plan outlay on the Scheme for the development of small and marginal farmers has recently been increased from Rs. 30 crores to Rs. 115 crores. Under this Scheme 46 Pilot Projects for the development of small farmers and 40 Pilot Projects for the development of marginal farmers and agricultural labourers will be set up in selected districts throughout the country. Among other things the Scheme provides for support to cooperative banks and other institutions to facilitate the extension of short, medium and long term credit to small and marginal farmers. Such credit will be available to them for various purposes including purchase of draught cattle and other equipment for improving agriculture.

GENERAL CODE FOR JOURNALISTS

1468. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Union Government are considering to have a general code for journalists in the country;