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(d) It is proposed to supply seed of improved varieties, tobacco seedlings and provide training to farmers by CTRI during 2006-07.

(e) Sufficient emphasis is being given for the training of farmers by the CTRI. within the available resources.

**Claim of Bonus by Workers of Sugarcane Breeding Institute,
Coimbatore**

3642. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN AHAMED : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industrial Tribunal at Chennai had passed an award on the dispute relating to claim of bonus by the workers of the Sugarcane Breeding Institute at Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether it is a fact that the same award has covered the demand for regularization in service of the workforce of the same institute; and

(c) if so, the action initiated by Government to implement the said award?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) A Writ Petition No. 32214 has been filed before Hon'ble High Court Chennai & Hon'ble court has granted stay in the matter.

Increasing Fertilizer Consumption

3643. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the per hectare consumption of chemical fertilizers in the country is less than 90 Kg.;

(b) the reasons for such low rate of fertilizer consumption;

(c) the steps taken to increase fertilizer application to increase productivity; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to promote new farming practices to increase yield?