

RAJYA SABHA

Tuesday, the 30th August, 1960/the
8th Bhadra, 1882 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the
clock, MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE YARDSTICK OF ADDITIONAL PRODUCTION

*494. SHRI B. N. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the conclusions so far arrived at by the committee appointed by the Planning Commission to study the yardstick of additional production?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): A Study Group has been set up to review the yardsticks of additional production from various developmental measures. The Group has not reached any definite conclusions but has formulated certain tentative proposals in regard to Fertilisers and Manures which have been referred to the States for examination and comments.

SHRI B. N. BHARGAVA: May I know, Sir, when this Group was appointed?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: It was not exactly appointment. It is just a Study Group of various Ministries, an *ad hoc* Study Group like any other study group. Officers of the Ministry go round the States and give some suggestions to the State Governments.

SHRI B. N. BHARGAVA: Is it the policy of the Government to accept the report of the Study Group or the Committee before the beginning of the Third Five Year Plan?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: That is the intention, viz., to assess properly about the yardsticks that are going to be fixed for the Third Plan and to advise the State Governments and the Centre about the dependability of the data. This Group was entrusted with the task of consulting the States and reporting to the Planning Commission.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: May I know, Sir, how the evaluation work was being done without knowing what the yardstick for productivity was?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: This Group is there to assess the yardsticks of production. There are the States' Statistical Departments and the National Sample Survey. They go by random sample surveys and crop-cutting methods. The Group examines whether the assessment by random sample surveys and crop-cutting methods is correct. Whether it can be entirely depended upon or whether there can be any change in this yardstick is going to be examined by this Group.

PLANT PROTECTION WORK THROUGH PANCHAYATS AND COOPERATIVES

*495. SHRI B. N. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state the number of States which have made adequate arrangements for undertaking Plant protection work through panchayats and cooperatives?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI S. D. MISRA): The National Conference of Community Development held at Mysore in 1959 recommended that the plant protection work should be entrusted to the Panchayats/Co-operatives. So far Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and Gujrat have entrusted this work to those institutions.