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Essential Labour in Agriculture

^{the} Government ^{has} recognized ^{the} need to maintain labour on farms by measures for stabilization of employment in agriculture announced on March 24 of last year.

So far as military training and service is concerned ^{the} effectiveness of ^{these} measures can be illustrated by figures.

Before the stabilization order was passed, only 63% of requests for postponements by farmers and agricultural workers were granted; since the order was passed over 93% have been granted and less than 7% refused.

Increasingly stringent control is being exercised over the granting of permits to farmers and agricultural workers to seek employment outside agriculture. All but a very small number of the permits granted have been of a temporary nature and for seasonal employment in essential primary industries.

^{the} Government recognizes that stabilization measures only conserve existing labour and do not provide additional help which may be needed.

Shortages ^{are} bound to occur in agriculture as in other activities, because of magnitude of manpower mobilized for armed forces and war industries.