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Congressman BOB DOLE returned early this morning (December 22), from India where he had been taking a firsthand look at some of the accomplishments and problems of Indian agriculture.

DOLE was a member of a Congressional delegation which visited India at the request of President Johnson.

The delegation was headed by Congressman Bob Fage, (D-Texas), incoming Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture; and also included Senator Jack R. Miller, (R-Iowa), member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture.

After discussions in Delhi, December 17, including a short meeting with the Minister for Food and Agriculture, Mr. C. Subramaniam, the Delegation conducted an intensive familiarization tour which included visits to the states of Bihar, Madras, and Mysore.

In Bihar we travelled through the drought-stricken areas of Gaya District, talked to cultivators employed on relief works, visited a number of fair-price shops and were given the opportunity to view the massive emergency crop expansion scheme in the Kosi irrigation area in Purnea District. In Patna we met with leaders of the Bihar State Government and with Mr. Jaya Prakash Narayan and members of his Emergency Famine Relief Committee.

From Bihar, we were accompanied by Mr. J. C. Mathur, Joint Secretary in the Ministry for Food and Agriculture, flew to Madras for talks with members of the State Government and to observe foodgrain and fertilizer unloading operations in the port.

Our Delegation next visited the rice-growing Tanjore District where in recent years the Ford Foundation sponsored Intensive Agricultural Development Project has yielded spectacular results. We, also, met with groups of cultivators and talked with officials before being received by the Chief Minister of Madras, Mr. Bhaktavatsalam in Tanjore.

Our mission was concluded with a meeting with Food and Agriculture Minister, Mr. Subramaniam in Bangalore on Monday night and a brief conference with Prime Minister, Mrs. Gandhi on Tuesday afternoon.