

(b) A marketing department has been set up in NALCO.

(c) and (d). 256 tribal families are likely to be displaced in the Damanjodi tribal belt. 173 families have actually been shifted so far. Out of these 256 families, 48 persons have been provided employment, 23 are under training and another 17 have been identified for training. During the period of training of one year duration, the trainees are given stipend of Rs. 400/- per month. At present, about 100 displaced tribal persons are also working with various contractors. NALCO has committed employment of one able bodied person from each displaced family subject to their suitability and availability of posts.

(e) Does not arise.

#### Rice Production in Assam

2025. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the average per acre yield of rice in Assam is far below the national average yield; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to increase the productivity of rice in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA). (a) Yes, Sir. The average yield of rice in Assam is below the national average.

(b) (i) A Centrally Sponsored Special Rice Production Programme has been launched from the current year 1985-86. Under this programme, measures are being taken to overcome constraints to rice production. As a forerunner to this programme, a Central Sector Scheme for improving rice productivity was implemented in the State during 1984-85.

(ii) Apart from the Special Rice Production programme, a Central Sector Scheme of rice-minikits-cum Community Nurseries including propagation of new

technology is also under implementation in Assam. Under this scheme, seed minikits of high yielding varieties are distributed to the farmers free of cost, assistance is provided to the farmers for raising Community nurseries and State level trainings are organised for the Extension Workers.

#### Exhibition of Films at Filmotsav at Hyderabad

2026. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred on 'Filmotsav' held at Hyderabad in January last, its achievements and pitfalls experienced if any, and the steps being taken to prevent them in future film festivals;

(b) the nature of regional films exhibited at this festival, particularly in Bengali, the manner of selection and the response of the audience thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that at such festival, the regional films are not given due importance; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken to maintain proper parity between foreign, Hindi and regional films being screened at such international festivals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL): (a) Actual expenditure incurred on the organisation of Filmotsav '86 in Hyderabad in January 1986 is not yet known. A budget of Rs. 50,86,000/- had been approved by the National Film Development Corporation for the purpose.

Effecting improvement in the light of experience gained at our Festival is a continuous process, as every festival has some organisational problems. The aim of the festival is to provide a common platform for the cinematographies of the world to project the excellence of their film art; contributing to the understanding and appreciation of the film cultures of