

**Projects from Andhra Pradesh Pending Clearance**

251. SHRI G. BHOOPATHY:  
SHRI MANIK REDDY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh pending with the Union Government as on 7 July, 1987; and

(b) the time by which these are expected to be given clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b) Only eight irrigation, hydel & Andhra Pradesh for environmental clearance were pending on 7th July, 1987. A final decision has already been taken and conveyed to the State Government on all these projects.

Twenty seven proposals referred by the Andhra Pradesh Government were awaiting forestry clearance on 7th July 1987 under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Only one of these proposals namely, Assignment of land to sugalies for agricultural purpose, is still pending due to non-furnishing of essential data sought from the authorities.

**Jute Purchase Centers in Assam**

252. SHRI ABDUL HAMID:  
SHRI BHADRESWAR TANTI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Assam is the second jute growing state in the country;

(b) whether there are sufficient Depart-

mental Purchase Centers of Jute Corporation of India at Assam;

(c) whether Jute Corporation of India has a proposal to open any sub-centers for Jute Purchase at Guwahati and Nowgong;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (e). Assam accounts for around 12 to 14 percent of total production of raw jute and mesta in India. Jute Corporation of India has a total of 133 Departmental purchase centres (DPCs) and 66 Sub-Centres in India out of which 24 DPCs and 2 Sub-Centers are located in Assam. Present coverage by these Centres in Assam is adequate.

Jute Corporation of India is not contemplating opening of any new centres or sub-centres for the present.

**Production of Fodder**

253. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts are being made to produce fodder outside forest areas so that forests could be saved from overgrazing; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. The Social Forestry programme is directed to meet the fuelwood and fodder needs of the people. The National wastelands Development Board has initiated in 1986-87 a Centrally sponsored