

[*Translation*]**Hostels for SCs/ STs**

4547. SHRI BHERU LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the hostels constructed for the SCs/ STs students have been closed;

(b) if so, the details of the hostels closed during each of the last three years;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) the action being taken by the Union Government to check this practices; and

(e) the funds allocated by the Union Government for the renovation of the hostels during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e). Central Assistance is provided to the State Government/UT Administrations only for the construction of jostle buildings for SC/ST students. The expenditure on day to day running and maintenance of the hostels is borons by the state Governments/ U.T. Administrations out of their own funds.

[*English*]**Replacement of Old Water Pipe-Line**

4548. SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal of Karnatak seeking loan assistance of Rs. 343.62 laksh for replacing the old water pipe-line is pending with Union Government;

(b) if so, since when it is pending; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RUBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a): No, Sir.

(b) and (c): Do not arise.

[*Translation*]**Milch Cattle**

4549. SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be bleached to state:

(a) whether the milch cattle population in the country is more than other countries but the yield per cattle is low; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to increase yield per cattle in the country especially in Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA) (a). Yes, Sir.

(b): To increase the productivity of milch cattle a number of programmes are going implemented in the country, including Bihar. These programmes include genetic improvement, including Bihar. These Programmes include genetic improvement, better butrion and proper health care of animals.

[*English*]**Natural Calamities In Kerala**

4550. SHRI V.S. VJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have sent any Central Team to Kerala for studying and analysing the situation of recent national calamities in the State;