

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Most of the State Governments have set up Housing Boards Corporations. According to available information Housing Boards Exist in the States of Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Haryana, Punjab, J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Meghalaya, Chandigarh, Pondicherry, Goa, Assam, Orissa, Dadra Nagar Haveli, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura.

(b) The Central Government is not providing any direct funds to the State Housing Boards. However, financial assistance is being provided by Central Financial institutions like HUDCO, LIC, GIC etc.

(c) and (d). Housing being a State subject, fixation of targets of the Housing Boards and monitoring of the achievements by them are done by the State Governments.

Poultry Development

3485. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether livestock and poultry scenario in Tamil Nadu are grim;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to improve the situation; and

(c) the fund earmarked for implementing the scheme in Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) An amount of Rs. 400 crores has been earmarked for implementing various schemes relating to animal husbandry sector in the Eighth Five Year Plan.

[Translation]

Sugarcane Development Centre at Nagpur

3486. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Sugarcane Development Centre at Nagpur for the Vidharbaha region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No Sir,

(b) Does Not arise.

(c) No Development Centre on Sugarcane is proposed due to financial crunch.

Development of Fisheries in Orissa

3487. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated area suitable for fisheries in Orissa;

(b) the total area brought under fisheries in the State during the last three years;

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government so for the development of fisheries in the State; and