

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is rapid increase in the number of marginal farmers in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to check the increasing number of marginal farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) As per the latest Agricultural Census the number of marginal farmers have increased to 56.15 million during 1985-86 from 50.12 million during 1980-81.

(b) The main reasons for increase of marginal farmers is "the division of ancestral property".

(c) The Government is taking various steps through family welfare programmes to limit the family size.

Allotment of Plots In Rohini Residential Scheme

617. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM:
SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who applied for MIG and LIG plots under Rohini Residential Scheme and the number out of them allotted plots;

(b) the time by which the remaining applicants are likely to be allotted plots and the reasons for the delay; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure

speedy allotment of plots to be applicants at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The number of persons who applied for MIG and LIG plots under Rohini Residential Scheme and the number of registrants allotted plots, as reported by DDA, are as under:

Category Persons applied/registrants
Allotment made

LIG	38105	17109
MIG	25889	10394

(b) and (c). DDA have informed that a programme has been chalked out to accommodate the remaining registrants during the 8th Five Year Plan subject to availability of plots. Due to non-availability of plots at present, allotment is not being made to the remaining registrants. Proceedings for acquiring further land are reported to have been initiated. DDA have further reported that attempts are being made to acquire the balance land as soon as possible on a priority basis.

[*English*]

Starvation Deaths

618. SHRI SUBASH CHANDRA NAYAK:
SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI:
SHRI LOKANATH CH-
OUDHURY:
SHRI PARASRAM
BHRARDWAJ:
SHRI K. PRADHANI:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI SARAT CHANDRA
PATTANAYAK: