

Basis for Allotment of Foodgrains under 'Food for Work' Scheme

14. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU : Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any basis for allotting food grains to States under the 'Food for Work' Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to bring changes in this scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In the first two years viz. 1977-78 and 1978-79, the food grains were allocated to different States on the basis of the demands received from them. However in the current year, i.e., 1979-80 the demands for exceeded the quantity of foodgrains available for utilisation under the programme. The allocations were, therefore, made on the basis of rural population of the States and their performance under the programme during the previous year.

(c) and (d). Presently, no change is being contemplated.

Discovery of Natural Gas in Andhra Pradesh

15. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether natural gas was found in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the name of the place?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI):

(a) and (b). Oil & Natural Gas Commission while drilling a well on Narasapur structure (West Godavari Distt., Andhra Pradesh) came across

natural gas. The well projected for 5,000 metres is still under drilling. The nature of the find will be known only after the well is drilled finally and tested.

Change in Venue of 1980 Olympics

16. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from U.K. or U.S.A. to change the venue of 1980 Olympics from Moscow; and

(b) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) and (b). The proposal to change the venue of 1980 Olympics from Moscow has been received from U.S.A. The decision regarding venue for Olympic Games fall squarely within the purview of the International Olympic Committee which is independent of Governments.

Wheat and Rice for "Food for Work" Programme in West Bengal

17. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the "Food for Work" Programme in different States particularly in West Bengal suffered to a great extent in the recent months due to non-availability of wheat and rice from the Centre;

(b) if so, the reasons for the non-availability of rice and wheat;

(c) the allocations of wheat and rice for different States under this programme during the last six months;

(d) whether Government propose to continue this programme; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof?