

Amte and his supporters against the Narmada Project;

(b) if so, what precise report was given by them to the Prime Minister;

(c) the Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) the steps being contemplated to resolve the matter?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The M.P.s have strongly recommended the construction of the Sardar Sarovar Project which has already been approved by the Planning Commission and accepted by the World Bank for financial assistance.

(c) and (d). The Government fully support the construction of the project. However, the shortcomings if any, in the rehabilitation and resettlement of oustees, can be resolved to the satisfaction of Project Affected Peoples. For this purpose, the Government of Gujarat is associating various Non-Government voluntary Organisations in the Rehabilitation and Resettlement activities.

[*Translation*]

Earthquake Tremors

1122. PROF. YADU NATH PANDEY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether earthquake tremors were felt in many cities in India on February 1, 1991; if so, the details of the damage to property and loss of life;

(b) whether the Government have taken

any action for providing relief to the quake-affected people; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of any research conducted to save people from the impact of such earth tremors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) Earthquake tremors were felt in northern parts of the country on 1st February, 1991 but none of the State reported any damage to property and loss of life.

(b) Since there was no damage to property and loss of life, the question of providing any relief does not arise.

(c) Based on the study of past earthquakes, Bureau of Indian Standards has brought out "Criteria for earthquake resistant design of structures", as IS: 1893-1984.

[*English*]

Statistics about Productive Labour Force

1123. SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) in the absence of any data about the existing strength of agricultural transplantation workers consisting of males and females, whether the Government have taken any steps to collect this vital information through the present census operation, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) in the absence of the above information how the developmental needs of each occupational category are being identified