

[English]

Integrated Wastelands Development Project Scheme

3339. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATTANAYAK : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of districts of Orissa identified under the Integrated Wasteland Development Projects Scheme ;

(b) whether Bolangir District of Orissa has been included in the identified areas;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to initiate the Integrated Wasteland Development Project Scheme during 1991-92 ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (e) Integrated Wastelands Development Projects Scheme was initiated for implementation from the year 1989-90 and is continuing. During the last two years projects under the scheme have been taken up in Sundergarh and Kalahandi districts of Orissa. For Bolangir district no project has been received from the State Government.

[Translation]

Foreign Scholarships to the Candidates of SCs/STs

3340. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of students belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes who are getting foreign scholarships at national level ;

(b) whether the amount of scholarship is so meagre that it is difficult to meet all the expenses of education ; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to increase the amount of this scholarship ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) 25 students belonging to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, etc. are selected under the National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for higher studies abroad each year.

(b) The rates of scholarship paid to the students under the scheme are as follows :—

(i) Maintenance Allowance @ US \$ 6000 per annum for post-graduate and Ph. D. and US \$ 7000 per annum for post-doctoral research.

(ii) In addition, an allowance upto US \$ 350 per annum is paid to meet the actual cost of books, essential apparatus and study tour.

(c) There is no proposal to increase the amount of the scholarship.

District Tuberculosis Centres

3341. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of district tuberculosis centres working in the country at present and the number of beds