

various audio-visual means like films, slides, song and drama programmes, conducted tour, print material and spoken word, primarily in rural areas.

(c) During 1984-85, public reaction reports relating to such subjects as communal harmony, national integration, 20-point programme, health and family welfare, Punjab affairs, general elections, public distribution system, Sri Lanka Tamilians issue, etc. were collected and forwarded to the Departments concerned, wherever necessary, in the months of May, June, July, August, October and December in 1984 and in the months of January and February 1985. The reaction of the public about the programmes was a mixed one.

[English]

Alleged Misappropriations of Funds in Sale of Slag/SCRAP at Bokaro Steel Plant

4537. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Dhanbad district Janata Party had sent a memorandum on 1 October, 1985 drawing the attention of the Government to the alleged misappropriation of crores of rupees in sale of slag/scrap at Bokaro Steel Plant ;

(b) if so, whether enquiry into the specific allegations in the memorandum has been made by Government ; and

(c) if so, the findings of the inquiry and the action taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The memorandum was examined in consultation with the steel plant and SAIL and it was found that there was no substance in the allegations made.

Financial Assistance to Central Cooperative Credit Banks in Orissa

4538. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the problems of Central Cooperative Credit Banks in Orissa ;

(b) if so, the steps taken to resolve the problems; and

(c) the amount provided by Central Government to Orissa in 1985-86 out of the NABARD Credit Stabilisation Fund to meet the requirement of Central Credit Co-operative Banks in Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). As per the information received from the State Government of Orissa, the Central Co-operative Banks (CCBs) in the State face problem of funds mainly due to the poor recovery of earlier loans from the loanee farmers. However, according to the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) no Central Co-operative Bank is considered so weak that it requires to be taken up for rehabilitation.

(c) The Government of India has provided a sum of Rs. 10 lakh to the State of Orissa during the year 1985-86 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Agricultural Credit Stabilisation Fund. Under the Central Sector Plan Scheme for providing assistance to Cooperative Credit Institutions in the co-operatively underdeveloped States and special areas a sum of Rs. 20 lakh has also been released by the Government of India for Orissa. NABARD has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 837.80 lakh being its share (60%) in the conversion of loans of Rs. 1396.33 lakh at the Farmers' level. Further NABARD sanctioned to the State Cooperative Bank (SCB) a sum of Rs. 139.63 lakh against pledge of Government/Trustee Securities to meet its share of 10% in the conversion. NABARD has also sanctioned a short-term credit limit of Rs. 6675 lakh to the Orissa State Cooperative Bank on behalf of 16 Central Cooperative Banks during the year 1985-86.

Loan Sanctioned to States by NFDC

4539. SHRI ABOY BISWAS : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of loans sanctioned by the National Film Development Corporation to various States during 1984-85 and 1985-86 (State-wise) ;