

construction of which 42354 are expected to be completed during the current financial year.

(c) Reasons for slow progress are mainly the financial constraints. DDA is trying to boost its finances to achieve the targets.

#### Changes in Steel Distribution Procedure

1388. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce changes in steel distribution procedure; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the objective in view ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) and (b) Guidelines with regard to the distribution of iron and steel are still under review.

#### Cultivation of Quinua

1389. SHRI SUBHASH YADAV :  
SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 7916 on 28 April, 1986 regarding cultivation of quinua and state :

(a) the progress made so far to popularise the cultivation of quinua in the country;

(b) the States where it has been tried for cultivation; and

(c) how far it has been found successful ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The germplasm of Quinoa introduced from France, Bolivia, USA and East Germany by National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources was tested in different stations, namely,

Pantnagar, Hyderabad, Shimla and Lucknow. The assessment of performance of Quinoa and its comparison with Amarnath show that Quinoa did not out-yield grain Amarnath.

(b) Quinoa had been sent to research institutes in Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh for conducting experimental studies.

(c) Quinoa was found to be growing very well as a Rabi crop in New Delhi but could not be grown in place of wheat as a winter crop. However, it can be grown as a promising leafy vegetable.

#### Mini Steel Plants in M.P.

1390. SHRI SUBHASH YADAV :  
SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of mini-steel plants set up in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the number of steel plants out of them which have started production so far;

(c) the total quantum of different kinds of steel produced by each of these mini-steel plants annually; and

(d) the expenditure incurred on each plant ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) No mini-steel plants have been set up in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

#### Additional ICAR Units for Conducting Research on Agriculture and Fisheries

1391. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :