

(b) if so, the steps being taken to dispose it of?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) There has been some accretion in stocks mainly in certain categories of plates and semis.

(b) Measures taken to liquidate stocks include inter-alia :

- (i) Intensive customer contact service with the assurance of the committed deliveries within specified time schedules;
- (ii) Selective credit facilities;
- (iii) Package deals—both instant and forward—for promoting sale of non-moving stocks;
- (iv) Permitting disposal of defectives/damaged material as well as old and non-moving stocks through tenders;
- (v) Re-orientation of product mix to match demand;
- (vi) Identifying export surpluses and contracting exports; and
- (vii) Regulation of imports.

Avian Research Centre in A.P.

856. SHRI BHATTAM SRI RAMA MURTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Council of Agricultural Research has requested Andhra Pradesh Government to provide land and other infrastructural facilities for establishing Central Avian Research Institute at Hyderabad;

(b) whether the sites offered by the State were not favoured by Indian Council of Agricultural Research and if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether the Vice-Chancellor of Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University has

also offered land and if so, whether Government have approved the same; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The matter is under correspondence.

(d) Does not arise.

Location of National Institute of Disaster Management

857. SHRI BHATTAM SRI RAMA MURTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have taken a decision on the location for setting of National Institute of Disaster Management;

(b) whether State Government of Andhra Pradesh has offered the required land and other facilities for the above institute, if so, the action taken thereon by Union Government; and

(c) the proposed objectives of the institute and the financial outlay earmarked for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c). It has been decided to drop the proposal for the time being to establish a National Institute for Disaster Management.

National Strategy for Disaster Preparedness

858. SHRI BHATTAM SRI RAMA MURTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh had submitted a comprehensive