

(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

proposal on 21 March, 1984 for various items under Disaster Preparedness Scheme such as construction of community cyclone shelters etc.;

(b) whether Union Government have evolved a national strategy for anticipating, mitigating and preventing disasters and sought the views of State Governments in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the schemes or programmes under which financial assistance was granted to Andhra Pradesh during the last two years for improving disaster preparedness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (d). In response to the Government of India's request for schemes to be included in the Seventh Five Year Plan of Disaster Preparedness, the Government of Andhra Pradesh also submitted their schemes in the month of August, 1985. The details of these schemes have not yet been finalised. No financial assistance has been provided to the Government of Andhra Pradesh in this regard during the last two years.

Foodgrains Output and Per Capita Availability

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

(a) the per capita availability of foodgrains and pulses during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the per capita availability has declined; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to bridge the gap between the requirement and availability thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINIS-

TRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The following table indicates the per capita net-availability of foodgrains and pulses:

Year	Per Capita Net-Availability (Gram Per Day)	
	Foodgrains	Pulses
1984 (P)	477.9	41.8
1985 (P)	454.0	38.1
1986 (P)	478.1	40.6

(P)—Provisional.

(b) The per capita net-availability of foodgrains and pulses declined in 1985 as compared to 1984. In 1986, it showed an improvement both in foodgrains and pulses as compared to 1985.

(c) To increase the production of pulses in the Seventh Plan, the following strategy has been proposed:

(i) Introduction of Pulses crops in irrigated farming system through double and multiple cropping;

(ii) Bringing additional area under;

(a) Short duration varieties of urd, moong, etc. in rice fallows by utilising the residual moisture in rabi season.

(b) In summer season, with irrigation after oilseeds, sugarcane, potato and wheat and

(c) In rabi under lentil.

(iii) Inter-cropping of arhar in soya-been, bajra, cotton, sugarcane and groundnut both under irrigated and unirrigated conditions.

(iv) Multiplication and use of improved pulses seeds; adoption of plant protection measures; use of phosphatic fertilizers and rhizobium culture; and