

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) A number of new and improved technologies for reducing cost of construction, effecting savings in scarce building materials like cement, steel and timber and speedier construction processes have been developed. The National Buildings Organisation is promoting and coordinating application of building research and technology for low cost housing

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Steps to educate unorganised labour about labour laws

274. SHRI • LALITESHWAR SHAHI :
DR. G.S. RAJHANS :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of numerous laws enacted for the protection of the labour, Union Government propose to educate the unorganised labour about such laws;

(b) If so, the steps taken or proposed in this regard; and

(c) the manner in which the campaign will be launched and to what extent the problem of labour is likely to be solved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) to (c) The Central Board for Workers Education sponsored by the Ministry of Labour has been conducting educational programmes for the workers in the unorganised sector from October, 1979. Various labour laws with other related subjects are covered in such training programmes. Some State Governments and a Union Territory have appointed Honorary Rural Organisers under Centrally Sponsored Scheme to, *inter-alia*, impart knowledge about labour laws to rural workers.

Floods in Bihar

275. SHRI LALITESHWAR SHAHI :
DR. G.S. RAJHANS :
SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Central Team visited Bihar State during the month of September, 1987 to assess and review the flood situation in the State;

(b) whether the Central team has since submitted its report;

(c) if so, the assistance provided to the State to meet the situation; and

(d) what other assistance Government propose to give to the State Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. On receipt of memorandum from State Government seeking Central assistance in the wake of flood, a Central Team visited the State from 16th to 18th September, 1987 to make an on the spot assessment of the situation. On the basis of the report of the Central Team and recommendations of the High Level Committee on Relief, a ceiling of expenditure of Rs. 86.53 crores including Rs. 0.15 crores for increasing vegetable production, has been approved to the State Government.

Expansion of Vayudoot as third airline

276. SHRI LALITESHWAR SHAHI :
DR. G.S. RAJHANS :
SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH :
SHRI YASHWANT RAO GADAKH PATIL :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal under the consideration of Government to make Vayudoot, the third level airline, an independent organisation;

(b) if so, by when a final decision is to be taken in the matter; and

(c) to what extent the services rendered by the Vayudoot are likely to be boosted ?