

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (d). No. Sir. However, a proposal for creation of separate department of fisheries is already under the consideration of the Government.

[*Translation*]

Suspension of Work of Bharat Refractories Project at Pithoragarh

10124. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land of the local farmers has been acquired in Devalthal (Pithoragarh) for the construction of Bharat Refractories; if so, the acreage of the acquired land and the present position in regard to this land;

(b) whether a decision has been taken to suspend the work on this project and if so, the date when such a decision was taken; and

(c) whether at the time of the aforesaid decision a study was also made in regard to the adverse effects on the various aspects of the development of backward areas and if so, whether State Government was also consulted prior to this decision and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) 23.13 acres of private land in Dewalthal (Pithoragarh) was acquired for the Pithoragarh Magnesite Project of Bharat Refractories Limited. Position in regard to this land remains unchanged

since its acquisition.

(b) the economic viability of the project became doubtful soon after its inception. A decision to implement the project has therefore not been taken so far.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Construction of Houses in Orissa Under Indira Awas Yojana

10125. SHRI NITYANANDA MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) the details of targets fixed for construction of houses in Orissa under the Indira Awas Yojana for the last three years;

(b) the extent to which these targets have been achieved and the number of families benefited each year; and

(c) if targets were not achieved in any year, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POJARY): (a) and (b). Under the Indira Awas Yojana, the number of houses to be constructed during a year is planned by the States on financial year to financial year basis in tune with the resources allocated for the Yojana under the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme. The year-wise details of number of houses planned and reported to have been constructed/Number of families benefited in Orissa under the Yojana during the last three years are given as below:-