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3. Land Development	0.09
4. Farm Mechanisation	14.89
5. Dry Land Farming	0.11
6. Plantation/Horticulture	0.37
7. Dairy Development	3.23
8. Fishery-Marine Fishery	3.58
Fishery-Inland Fishery	0.21
9. Storage and Market Yards	2.24
10. Forestry	2.03
11. Bio-Gas	0.53
12. Poultry Farming	1.09
13. Sheep/Goat/Piggery	0.13
14. I.R.D.P.	17.73
15. Others	0.33
16. Non-Farm Sector	2.67
TOTAL	71.95

(c) and (d). NABARD had sanctioned 580 schemes under Farm and Non-Farm Sector for the State of Gujarat during 1987-88. During 1988-89, six schemes involving NABARD refinance assistance of Rs 0.10 crores have so far been sanctioned. Further as at the end of August, 1988, there were 887 on-going schemes in Gujarat including those sanctioned prior to 1987-88.

Indo-USSR Cooperation in Irrigation Sector

1225. SHRI SHANTILAL PATEL :Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of the USSR have agreed to cooperate with India in irrigation;

(b) if so, whether a high level team of delegation visited the Soviet Union, during September, 1988;

(c) the main points discussed and whether any final agreement has been reached; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND MINISTER OF WATER RE-

SOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) :
(a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). The Protocol signed at the end of the discussions includes the possibility of further extending the cooperation between India and the USSR in new areas in the irrigation sector.

Production, Consumption and price of Natural Rubber

1226. PROF. K.V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the price of natural rubber in the international market;

(b) its price in the internal market;

(c) its total production and consumption in the country; and

(d) how the deficit is to be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI) : (a) and (b). The International Market prices of RSS-3 grade of natural rubber which is equivalent of RMA-IV have been varying between US\$ 1433 to US\$ 1029 PMT FOB during June -October 1988. The internal market price at Kottayam during the first week of November, 1988 was Rs. 18, 100 PMT.

(c) and (d). The deficit in supply and demand is met by resorting to imports. The estimated production during 1987-88 was 2.35,197 tonnes and the consumption during 1987-88 is provisionally placed at 2.87, 480 tonnes.

Bima Niwas Yojna

1227. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Life Insurance Corporation's new Bima Niwas Yojna has

been operating in several part of the country; and

(b) if so, the number of beneficiaries of this scheme so far.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b). The LIC's new Bima Niwas Yojana has been launched with effect from 1.9.1988, operative in the four metropolitan cities of Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras. So far 140 loans amounting to Rs 1.34. crores have been sanctioned up to 31st October, 1988.

Expansion of Commercial Banks Branches in North-Eastern States

1228. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have urged commercial banks to complete all the jobs of expansion in the North-Eastern States of India within time bound programme;

(b) the details of the commercial which are eager to expand their branches in the North-Eastern States;

(c) the details of the new schemes likely to be introduced by these commercial banks; and

(d) the extent to which the poor people in the country will get benefit as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b). Reserve bank of India (RBI) has reported that on the basis of lists of identified centres received from the State Governments, allotment of eligible centres in the North-Eastern Region has been made except in 4 districts in Arunachal Pradesh and 3 districts in Nagaland. RBI has allotted upto 31.10.1988, 190