

The efforts made under this programme are a supplement to the States' educational development programmes. The activities undertaken under the programme include opening of new schools, construction of buildings, additional class-rooms, toilets, establishment of new IITs and strengthening of existing ones, opening of polytechnics, etc.

[English]

Setting Up of Fruit Processing Unit in Konkan Region of Maharashtra

5069. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL:
PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up any fruit processing unit in the Konkan region of Maharashtra in view of availability of plenty of fruits in that region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). Setting up of fruit and vegetable processing unit in any area depends upon various infrastructural facilities apart from availability of raw material. Ministry of Food Processing Industries do not have any proposal to set up any fruit and vegetable processing unit in public sector in the Konkan region.

[Translation]

Jawaharlal Nehru Rozgar Yojana

5070. SHRI KRISHNA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of backward districts in Bihar selected under the Jawaharlal Nehru Rozgar Yojana for 1989-90; and

(b) the number of proposed beneficiaries in those districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) The districts to be covered under Jawaharlal Nehru Rozgar Yojana in Bihar as well as in other states in the country during 1989-90 have not yet been finalised.

(b) Question does not arise.

Construction of Houses under Indira Awas Yojana

5071. SHRI KRISHNA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rise in prices of building material adversely affected the construction of houses under Indira Awas Yojana; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to keep up the construction of houses under the above scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) and (b). Indira Awas Yojana is a sub-scheme of Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP), which is basically an employment generation programme. Emphasis has been laid under the Yojana on adopting such technologies which encourage the use of either locally available cheaper materials or such materials which can be locally manufactured by intensive use of labour. It has thus been possible to contain the cost escalations in

the prices of building materials by laying emphasis on the above mentioned strategies under the Yojana.

Construction of Units under Indira Awas Yojana

5072. SHRI KRISHNA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the target for the construction of residential units in Bihar under Indira Awas Yojana during 1988-89;

(b) the number of such units constructed upto December, 1988; and

(c) the measures being adopted to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY):

(a) With the funds allocated to Bihar under the Yojana during 1988-89, 19327 number of houses could be constructed during the year.

(b) 9939 number of houses are reported to have been constructed in the State under the Yojana up to December, 1988.

(c) The Government of India had asked the State Government to complete by 31st March, 1989, construction of all the houses which could be built out of the funds allocated under the Yojana since 1985-86 (the year of its launching) up to 1988-89.

[English]

National Seeds Bank

5073. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open a National Seeds Bank; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Bridges on National Highway between Vijayawada and Nellore

5074. SHRI C. SAMBU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bridges which have outlived their life on National Highway between Vijayawada and Nellore in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct new bridges in place of those bridges on the above route; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c). Of the 20 bridges falling between Nellore and Vijayawada on NH-5 in Andhra Pradesh, identified for reconstruction, estimates for 3 bridges have since been sanctioned. All these bridges are to be reconstructed in a phased manner during the remaining period of 7th Five Year Plan and subsequent Plans, subject to availability of funds.

Ban on Recruitment In Mines

5075. DR. G.S. RAJHANS: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state: