

Pending Compensation cases of Burmese Refugees

3415. SHRI BRAJA MOHAN MOHANTY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of compensation cases of properties of the refugees from Burma awaiting disposal by Burmese Government and how many of these belong to Orissa;

(b) the steps Government have taken to get the compensation paid to the people concerned;

(c) whether properties left by the refugees have been assessed and compensation claimed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) According to information with Government, there are 2,891 applications from Indians who left Burma awaiting disposal by the Burmese Government. Details of the applications are not available since the applications were made by the individuals concerned directly to the Government of Burma.

(b) The matter has been raised with the Burmese Government on several occasions and at various levels.

(c) and (d). Government has claimed compensation and a number of meetings have been held with the Burmese Government. But it has not been possible to come to an agreement on the value of such assets.

Distribution of Quality Seeds of Crops in Orissa

3416. SHRISOMNATH RATH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether arrangements have been made for distribution of quality foodgrains to Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to distribute quality seeds of crops like rice, wheat, cotton, oilseeds etc. through Government depots and the achievements made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The foodgrains fit for human consumption of 'A' and 'B' category, conforming to the laid down specification are issued to the Government of Orissa for their public distribution system only after the joint inspection is carried out.

(c) Seed production and distribution thereof to the farmers is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. The efforts of the State Governments are supplemented by the National Agencies like the National Seeds Corporation and State Farms Corporation of India. Orissa Government distributed 1.06 lakh quintals of certified/quality seed of rice, wheat, cotton, oilseeds, pulses, jute, mesta, potato and other crops during 1988-89.

Modernisation of Engineering Institutions

3417. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government are giving financial assistance to States for modernisation of Engineering Institutes; and

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned to the Government of Orissa for the modernisation of the Engineering Institutions?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b). Under the Scheme of Modernisation and Removal of obsolescence of Engineering Institutions, financial assistance is provided by the Ministry directly to the Engineering Colleges and Poly-

technics on the basis of approved projects.

A statement of grant-in-aid released during the sixth and Seventh Plan Period to the Technical Institutions in Orissa under the Scheme 'Modernisation and Removal of Obsolescence' is given below.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Name of the Institution	Sixth Plan period	Seventh Plan period
		(1985-89)	
		(Rs. in lakhs)	
1.	Regional Engineering College, Rourkela.	10.00	135.00
2.	University College of Engineering, Burla	15.00	67.00
3.	Indira Gandhi Institute of Technology, Sarang (Talchar).	—	5.00
4.	Bhubananda Orissa School of Engineering, Cuttack.	—	24.00
5.	Utkalmani Gopa Bandhu Institute of Engineering, Rourkela.	—	3.00
6.	Umacharan Patnaik Engineering School Ganjam, Berhampore.	—	17.00
7.	Jharsuguda Engineering School, Jharsuguda	—	18.50
8.	Orissa School of Mining, Keonjhar.	—	17.50
9.	Women Polytechnic, Bhubaneswar.	—	18.00
10.	S.K.D.A.V. Polytechnic for Women, Rourkela.	—	3.00
11.	Modern Polytechnic, Talchar.	—	3.00
Total :		25.00	311.00

Coconut Plantation with External Assistance

Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

3418. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR: Will the

(a) whether some schemes for the development of Coconut Plantation are being