

Hirakund dam water Reservoir

1002. SHRI GANANATH PRA-DHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to use Hirakund dam water reservoir for the purpose of internal transportation and for pisciculture; and

(b) if so, the funds allotted for the same and the probable date of its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

मध्य प्रदेश को खरीफ की फसल बोने के लिए केन्द्रीय सहायता

1003. श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : क्या कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार मध्य प्रदेश सरकार को समुचित सहायता देने के लिए एक योजना पर विचार कर रही है जिसके अन्तर्गत ऐसी भूमि को लाया जायेगा जहाँ धामतीर पर खरीफ की फसल काट दी जाती है परन्तु जो खरीफ के मौसम में बिना बोये पड़ी रहती है ; और

(ख) यदि हा, तो उसका ब्यौंग क्या है ?

कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री भानु प्रताप सिंह) : (क) जी हाँ ।

(ख) परियोजना परिचालन हेतु मध्य प्रदेश सरकार को 1977-78 के लिए 8.0 लाख रुपये के परिव्यय की एक केन्द्रीय

प्रायोजित योजना की स्वीकृति दी गई थी । इस परियोजना का उद्देश्य समतुल्यमूलक क्षेत्रों को विकसित करने के लिए उपयुक्त तकनीकों का प्रस्ताव लगाना है ।

बड़े क्षेत्रों को विकसित करने के लिए राज्य सरकार द्वारा प्रस्ताव तैयार किया जा रहा है ।

House Building Finance Corporation, Bombay

1004. SHRI P. S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the House Building Finance Corporation set up in Bombay;

(b) what is the precise demarcation of functions between this Corporation and HUDCO;

(c) particulars of its working capital, perspective plans, loans assistance envisaged and the working procedure; and

(d) whether the Corporation propose to have its offices in all the States to facilitate speedy disposal?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) The Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. was registered at Bombay on 17th October, 1977. The objectives of this corporation are to provide loans for residential housing to individuals, groups, companies and cooperative societies in urban and rural areas.

(b) The functions of the new corporation would be supplementary to the activities of HUDCO, particularly in the field of financing residential housing for individuals. While

HUDCO acts mainly as a financing institution for State Housing Boards and other agencies the HDFC would also provide direct finance to prospective house owners.

(c) The HDFC will initially have an authorised share capital of Rs 25 crores and issued, subscribed and paid up share capital of Rs 10 crores. Contribution to equity capital is being arranged from companies, corporations and individuals through a public issue. This is expected to be made shortly. The corporation will develop working procedures for evaluation of proposals, disbursements of assistance and collection of loans. The system would be developed after studying the operating procedures in force in similar organisations. The Corporation has not yet started functioning.

(d) The corporation will initially open regional offices in Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras to look after western, eastern, northern and Southern zones in the country.

Additional Supplies of Foodgrains to Mizoram

1005 DR R. ROTHUAMA Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the Central Government are aware of impending food crisis caused by THINGTAM FAMINE (Flowering of one big variety of bamboos) occurring this year resulting in complete failure of the harvests throughout Mizoram due to destruction of crops by rats which multiply in large numbers overnight

(b) whether Central Government are aware that this peculiar phenomenon occurring in Mizoram in a cyclical pattern, the mishandling of which way back in 1960 (Mautam Famine—Ordinary bamboo flowering) had given rise to the present underground movement, and

(c) if so, the concrete steps proposed to be taken by the Central Government to meet food shortage and other essential commodities in Mizoram?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir. In view of the Bamboo Flowering in certain parts of Mizoram and on the basis of the past experience it seems that the rodent population may increase.

(b) In 1959 the then Mizo Hills district of Assam State had to face acute scarcity and amongst other organisations which were formed to face the situation an Organisation called Mizo National Famine Front was formed which later renamed itself as Mizo National Front, and agitated for attaining independence for Mizoram.

(c) All possible measures for control of rodents menace are being taken throughout Mizoram. This includes use of several types of traps and rodenticide. It is hoped that with the technical advice and financial assistance from the Centre the State Government will be able to avert possible rodent outbreak and prevent the anticipated crop loss. The public distribution is being strengthened and in view of the comfortable stock the requirements indicated by the State Government for allocation of foodgrains are being met in full.

Conversion of verandahs into shops in Bhagat Singh Market New Delhi

1006 SHRI D. G. GAWAI Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state

(a) whether in New Delhi Verandahs in Markets were got cleared of encroachments by the shopkeepers and declared public passages

(b) whether after the recent Parliamentary elections most of the Shopkeepers in Bhagat Singh Market and