

National Project on Development and use of Bio-Fertiliser

5735. SHRI CHANDRABHAN ATHARE PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allotted Rupees 50 lakhs in the current financial year for a National Project on the Development and use of Bio-fertilisers and that the Ministry has formulated a 5-year programme in this behalf;

(b) whether Government contemplate to set up regional centres for quality control of bio-fertilisers and allied work; and

(c) if so, the broad details thereof indicating how the proposed fund would be utilized and also the places where the regional centres are likely to be established?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. A token provision of Rs. 50 lakhs has been made in the current financial year for a National Project on the Development and Use of Bio-fertilisers. The details of the project are still under consideration.

Foreign Assistance for Rural Housing

5736. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign financial assistance had been sought and received for rural housing projects in various States in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are given below:—

(i) In 1958-59 the Ford Foundation (USA) pleased a sum of \$

2,00,000 at the disposal of the Government of India for financing research-cum-demonstration houses to rural housing. With this assistance six Rural Housing wings were established in various technical institutions throughout the country.

(ii) The Government of Japan had offered grant assistance of Yen 50 million during the fiscal year 1978-79 for purchase of cement from Japan for construction of irrigation facilities and houses in the cyclone affected areas of Andhra Pradesh. 15,000 Metric tonnes of cement was imported and used for construction of roads and houses in the Krishna and Guntur districts of Andhra Pradesh to rehabilitate the victims of cyclones.

(iii) The Netherland Organisation for International Development Cooperation (NOVIB) has offered financial assistance for construction of 3000 houses in rural areas in six districts of Gujarat for weaker sections of the society. The total cost of the project is about Rs. 66 lakhs out of which the contribution of NOVIB will be Rs. 45 lakhs. The concurrence of Govt. of India to the acceptance of the assistance has been communicated to the Govt. of Gujarat in June, 1980.

Houses constructed in Trans-Yamuna Area of Lakshmi Nagar and Shakarpur, Delhi

5737. SHRI MUNDAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of houses constructed in trans-Yamuna area of Lakshmi Nagar and Shakarpur and their total population;

(b) whether there is any scheme to provide sewage facility there with a view to solve the problem arising out of dry latrines; and

(c) if so, the time by which this facility will be provided?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) The Delhi Development Authority has reported that, as per socio-economic survey conducted in 1978, the approximate number of structures and population in Lakshmi Nagar and Shakaraur is as under:—

Approximate No. of structures	Approximate population
7200	37000

(b) and (c). These are unauthorised colonies. The Delhi Development Authority has reported that steps for preparation of development plans have been taken. Development work will be taken up thereafter. It is not feasible to lay down any time limit for this purpose.

National Institution for Deaf Children

5738. SHRI CHATURBHUI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand for setting up a national institute for deaf children and construction of building for housing the Institute has been accepted by the Central Government;

(b) if so, when and where this Institute will be set up; and

(c) when work on the institute building will start and when completed and the special features of the Institute?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This Institute will be set up at Bombay. It is expected to be set up shortly.

(c) The Central Public Works Department is already preparing plans and estimates for the construction of the building. The building work may, however, take some time.

This Institute is considered to be an apex Institute in the area of research, education, training and rehabilitation of the hearing handicapped. It will also provide certain national level services in the field of hearing handicapped.

यमुना बिहार कालोनी, दिल्ली में आक्सीडेशन पांड का निर्माण

5739. श्री चन्द्रपाल शैलानी: क्या निर्माण और आवास मंत्री यमुना विहार, दिल्ली में पाईप लाइन बिछाने के बारे में 16 जून, 1980 के अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 829 के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा यमुना बिहार कालोनी में सीवरों के विकास के लिये आक्सीडेशन पांड के निर्माण का ठेका दे दिया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या आक्सीडेशन पांड इस वर्ष के अन्त तक पूरा हो जायेगा और यह उपयोग में लाये जाने हेतु तैयार हो जायेगा?

निर्माण और आवास मंत्री (श्री पी. सी. सेठी): (क) अभी तक नहीं।

(ख) आक्साइडेशन तालाब के दिसम्बर, 1980 तक पूर्ण हो जाने की सम्भावना है।

S.T.D. between KAVAL Towns and Calcutta Telephones

5740. DR. A. U. AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the KAVAL towns viz. Kanpur, Allahabad Varanasi, Agra and Lucknow is not yet connected on Subscribers Dialling System with Calcutta Telephones;

(b) if so, the reasons for not connecting the same so long when long distance towns have been connected with Calcutta much earlier; and