

of plywood and thus reduce the dependence of the country mostly on the Assamese product?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) No, Sir. According to information available with the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Agriculture and Cooperation), the production of plywood in Assam in the organised sector was 61.18% in 1979 as compared to the total production in the country.

(b) According to available information, the prices of plywood have gone up.

(c) since this is a temporary phase, Government do not intend taking any steps at present.

**Small Farmers Development Agency**

1897. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA: Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) when the Small Farmers Development Agency started its functions;

(b) the number of projects initially taken;

(c) the number of projects functioning at present, State-wise;

(d) what are the main functions under the project; and

(e) the number of persons benefited upto 31st December, 1979?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BALESHWAR RAM): (a) During the year 1971-72.

(b) 46 Small Farmers Development Agency Projects and 41 Marginal Farmers and Agricultural Labourers Development Agency Projects. From the Fifth Five Year Plan, it was decided to have one composite agency for Small Farmers, Marginal Farmers and Agricultural Labourers.

(c) A statement is enclosed. It may, however, be stated that it has been decided to merge Small Farmers Development Agency Programme with Integrated Rural Development Programme and extend the latter to the entire country with effect from 2nd October, 1980.

(d) The main functions of the Small Farmers Development Agency is to identify the participants according to the parameters laid down by the Government of India, draw up suitable projects in the field of crop husbandry, minor irrigation, dairying, poultry, rural industries etc. for improving the economic status of the participants, arrange institutional credit and extend assistance by way of subsidy at the approved rates i.e. 25% for Small farmers, 33 1/3% for marginal farmers and agricultural labourers.

(e) 76.14 lakhs. (Povisional).

**Statement**

Distribution of Small Farmers Development Agency Projects-State-wise

| S.No. | State/Union Territory | No. of SFDA Projects |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1     | 2                     | 3                    |
| 1.    | Andhra Pradesh        | 15                   |
| 2.    | Assam                 | 4                    |
| 3.    | Bihar                 | 22                   |

| 1                    | 2         | 3   |
|----------------------|-----------|-----|
| 4. Gujarat           | . . . . . | 6   |
| 5. Haryana           | . . . . . | 3   |
| 6. Himachal Pradesh  | . . . . . | 3   |
| 7. Jammu & Kashmir   | . . . . . | 4   |
| 8. Karnataka         | . . . . . | 8   |
| 9. Kerala            | . . . . . | 4   |
| 10. Madhya Pradesh   | . . . . . | 12  |
| 11. Maharashtra      | . . . . . | 13  |
| 12. Manipur          | . . . . . | 1   |
| 13. Meghalaya        | . . . . . | 2   |
| 14. Nagaland         | . . . . . | 1   |
| 15. Orissa           | . . . . . | 7   |
| 16. Punjab           | . . . . . | 5   |
| 17. Rajasthan        | . . . . . | 6   |
| 18. Sikkim           | . . . . . | 1   |
| 19. Tamil Nadu       | . . . . . | 13* |
| 20. Tripura          | . . . . . | 1   |
| 21. Uttar Pradesh    | . . . . . | 26  |
| 22. West Bengal      | . . . . . | 9   |
| 23. Delhi            | . . . . . | 1   |
| 24. Goa, Daman & Diu | . . . . . | 1   |
| 25. Lakshadweep      | . . . . . | ..  |
| 26. Mizoram          | . . . . . | ..  |
| 27. Pondicherry      | . . . . . | 1   |
| TOTAL                |           | 169 |

\*This includes a separate agency approved when the distt. of Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu) was bifurcated.

### Educational Technology Programme

1899. SHRI DAULAT SINHJI JADEJA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) when the Educational Technology Programme was launched in the country;

(b) the names of States who have adopted the scheme and their centres; and

(c) the details of assistance provided by the Centre to each such State?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) The Educational