

Allotment of land by D.D.A. to co-operative Group Housing societies

2716. SHRI SATISH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3765 on 15th December, 1980 regarding allotment of land by D.D.A to Cooperative Group Housing societies and state;

(a) how long DDA will take to issue a press note inviting applications from the Cooperative Group Housing Societies for allotment of land to them;

(b) whether the location of plots and the price to be charged from these societies have been decided; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether certain areas of land have been earmarked for allotment to these Societies in the ROHINI Scheme if so, the exact location thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) The DDA has reported that a press note will be issued shortly.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. However, as the Scheme is at a formative stage the exact location cannot be stated at this state.

Loss due to wind and water erosion

2717. SHRI D. M. PUTTE GOWDA:
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is losing crores of rupees every year in terms of agriculture, animal and forest production as a result of wind and water erosion over 150 odd million hectares; and

(b) if so, the remedial steps taken or proposed to be taken by Govern-ment in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. An estimated 150 million hectares is subject to wind and water erosion affecting the productivity of agricultural and non-agricultural lands. Therefore, considerable amount is being lost annually in terms of agriculture, animal and forest production.

(b) In order to reduce the erosion hazards and consequent loss of production, soil and water conservation programmes have been undertaken to treat areas under various land-uses and subject to soil erosion both under Central and states sectors. This includes the programmes for treating catchments of multi-purpose river valley projects and flood prone rivers, rehabilitation of Himalayan region, reclamation and development of areas subject to shifting cultivation, tackling of areas