

The Managing Committee of Super Bazar has been taking action to improve the working of Super Bazar. Sales Personnel are being given training to improve the salesmanship and consumers' service. A new management system was introduced two years ago. As a result the percentage of pilferage has been brought down from 1.4 per cent in the past to 0.4 per cent during the year 1979-80.

Government has been assisting Super Bazar, New Delhi with share capital, loans and subsidies. During the Sixth Plan period, a provision of Rs. 50 lakhs has been made to assist the Super Bazar. This will be used in helping the Super Bazar to set up more and more branches and to increase its business. During 1980-81, a sum of Rs. 4.5 lakhs has already been released for setting up 9 branches. A provision of Rs. 10 lakhs has been made for 1981-82 for the purpose.

शास्रीय विकास के लिए स्वयंसेवी एजेंसियों के संगठन (ए० बी० ए० और डी०) का एम० ए० एन० के साथ सम्बन्ध

7917. श्री डी० आर० नहाटा : क्या ग्रामीण पुनर्निर्माण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या ग्रामीण विकास के लिये स्वयं सेवी एजेंसियों के संघ (ग्रवाड) का पश्चिम जर्मनी की बहुराष्ट्रीय कंपनी एम० ए० एन० के साथ कोई संबंध है ;

(ख) क्या "ग्रवाड" को इसे कंपनी द्वारा कोई ऋण दिया गया है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो किस प्रयोजन के लिए दिया गया है ?

कृषि और ग्रामीण पुनर्निर्माण मंत्रालय में राज्य तंत्री (श्री बालेश्वर राम) :

(क) सरकार को ग्रामीण विकास के लिए स्वयं सेवी एजेंसियों के संघ (ग्रवाड) का ऐसी कंपनी के साथ किसी प्रकार के सम्बन्ध की जानकारी नहीं है।

(ख) "ग्रवाड" से प्राप्त सूचना, के अनुसार, उन्होंने पश्चिम जर्मनी की एम० ए० एन० कंपनी को कोई ऋण नहीं दिया है।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Testing at Logging Training Centre Project, Dehradun

7918. SHRI R. N. RAKESH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention is drawn to the 'National Herald' dated 23rd February, 1981 that a producer gas plant has been successfully tested at the logging training centre project in Dehradun (U.P.); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The first trial was made on the Ambassador Car of the Logging Training Centres Projects which ran very well after removing the Carburettor. The second trial was made for running a local sawmill and one horizontal and one vertical band saws in the sawmill which were successfully run with the help of this Producer Gas Plant. According to earlier trials, 10 Kg. of Charcoal costing Rs. 13/- at the current market rate is sufficient to run the Ambassador Engine at full acceleration for about 3 hours.

Article entitled "India's neglected Islands".

7919. PROF. P. J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the article titled "India's Neglected Islands" in the Times of India dated 12th March, 1981;