

Wheat allotted to West Bengal under Rural Employment Programme

71. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) how much wheat has been allotted for West Bengal in Rural Employment Programme in the current financial year;

(b) how much has been actually delivered; and

(c) the reasons for shortfall, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BALESHWAR RAM): (a) No wheat has been allocated to West Bengal under National Rural Employment Programme during the current year. However, a quantity of 11,250 MTs of rice has been allocated as well as released to the State.

(b) and (c). As instructions for release of foodgrains were issued to the Food Corporation of India only recently, the information in regard to the quantity actually delivered so far and the quantity, which is yet to be supplied has not been received so far.

Formulation of Second Master Plan for Delhi

72. SHRI BHIKHU RAM JAIN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment about the population of Delhi by 2001;

(b) whether it is proposed to develop satellite towns around Delhi to curb migration;

(c) whether the above factors will be taken into consideration while

formulating the second master plan for Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) According to the preliminary studies undertaken by the Delhi Development Authority, the population of Delhi could reach about 128 lakhs by 2001 A.D.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Second Master Plan exercise is in the preliminary stages. The details are not available now.

Location of Pumping Station in Preet Nagar, Delhi

73. SHRI KAMAL NATH: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Preet Nagar Pumping Station was originally planned to be located beyond the Railway line far away from the residential colonies in the area;

(b) if so, the reasons which promoted the Municipal Corporation of Delhi to locate it on the side of Vikas Marg in the midst of residential colonies; and

(c) steps proposed to be taken by Government to stop the emission of poisonous gas from the Sewage Station which is not only polluting the air but has become a positive health hazard for the residents of the area?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has stated that the Pumping Station at Preet Nagar is not a health hazard. Sewage Pumping Station are located near residential colonies in other areas also.

Number of Villages Connected with Motorable Road

74. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of the villages not connected in any way with the motorable road of any standard in India; and

(b) the total number of villages connected with the motorable road?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BALESHWAR RAM): (a) 4,21,624.

(b) 1,70,328.

Effect of Carbon Dioxide in Agriculture Production

75. SHRI R. P. DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to a news item appearing in Patriot dated the 9th February, 1981 that growing carbon dioxide pollution may be potentially beneficial for agricultural production in India and other third world countries;

(b) if so, whether carbon dioxide pollution has in any way been affecting the present agricultural production in India; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

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

noticed the articles appearing in Patriot and other newspapers on this subject. It cannot be said with any certainty that increase in carbon dioxide concentration would help agriculture production in India or the third world countries. The projections on this matter differ considerably. According to one projection, the semi-arid and tropical regions may become drier. India and most of the third world countries fall in this region. We cannot accept the thesis that increase in carbon dioxide concentration would help India and the developing countries.

(b) and (c). There is at present no evidence that increased carbon dioxide concentration has been helping in agricultural production in India.

Supply of Foodgrains to Gujarat

76. SHRI CHHITTUBHAI GAMIT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the month-wise demand made by Gujarat Government for foodgrains like wheat, rice, jawar, bajra etc. from January, 1981 to June, 1981;

(b) the quantity of this demand acceded to and the quantity of foodgrains supplied alongwith details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for not supplying essential foodgrains to Gujarat and the steps being taken by Union Government to meet the demand of Gujarat with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b) A statement is attached.

(c) Demand of the Government of Gujarat is being fully allotted in so far as rice is concerned. Wheat allotments to State Governments have been