

technology; and (4) to train research and extension workers in rice.

**Sal seeds Collected by Tribal Development Corporation Society and Orissa Forest Corporation**

115. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of Sal seeds that have been collected by the Tribal Development Co-operative Society and Orissa Forest Corporation from the forests of Orissa in 1981 to date;

(b) the quantity given to the Hindustan Lever Ltd. and other Companies;

(c) what is the total quantity kept for domestic consumption; and

(d) the details about the way it has been utilized in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) to (d). The information is being collected from State Forest Department and would be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

**Allotment of Foodgrains to Orissa for Implementation of National Rural Employment Scheme**

116. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total allotment of foodgrains made for Orissa for the year 1981-82 for the implementation of National Rural Employment scheme;

(b) whether Government have a proposal for allotting more quantities of foodgrains to the backward district of the State-under the above scheme;

(c) if so, the total quantities of foodgrain allotted so far for the year 1981-82 to one of the backward district of Keonjhar for implementing the above scheme; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BALESHWAR RAM): (a) A quantity of 7,000 MTs of foodgrains has been allocated and released so far to Orissa for the year 1981-82 for the implementation of National Rural Employment Programme.

(b) There is no specific provision under the programme to make separate allocation to backward districts of any State. Moreover, allotment to the districts is made by the State Government and not by the Government of India.

(c) and (d). Question does not arise.

**Assistance for Opening Poultry Centres in Orissa**

117. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to give proper weightage to poultry during Sixth Plan period;

(b) whether financial assistance from the Centre has been given to Orissa in 1981-82 for opening some poultry centres;

(c) if so, the number of such poultry centres proposed to be opened in Keonjhar District; and

(d) the details about the implementation of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Poultry development has already been given proper weightage during the Sixth Plan period.

(b) Poultry farms/centres fall in the State sector. Central schemes provide for development and maintenance of Central poultry breeding