

1981-82 the housing agencies in Punjab will be able to formulate urban housing schemes with HUDCO loan sanction of Rs. 3.62 crores.

Food stock with Punjab

1112. SHRI R. L. BHATIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of paddy at present lying in stock with the Food Corporation of India in Punjab;

(b) whether at some places stocks have been deteriorated due to exposure during the recent rains;

(c) if so, the quantity thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to prevent such deterioration of stocks in the custody of the Food Corporation of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) The quantity of paddy at present lying in stock with Food Corporation of India in Punjab is 13,59,373 Mts, as on 1st July 1981.

(b) and (c). The stocks of paddy have undergone deterioration at some places (especially under CAP storage) due to factors beyond human control. As regards the damage of foodgrains a Survey Committee has examined the stocks of paddy in Punjab which are more than three years old and a quantity of 1936 MTs. has been segregated and auctioned.

(d) As and when discrepancies come to notice, the Food Corporation of India is asked to investigate and rectify. Instructions are also issued to intensify the quality checking arrangements with the Food Corporation of India as well as the States. The Quality Control Cell in the Department of Food at the headquarters also carries out surprise inspection of stocks and

suitable measures such as selection of storage site, use of dunnage and good quality polythene covers etc., are suggested to minimise deterioration. Modern scientific pest control measures are undertaken by qualified and technically trained personnel for proper upkeep of the foodgrains.

Irrigation projects of Sundergarh

1113. SHRI CHRISTOPHER EKKA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the name of major irrigation projects of Sundergarh district in Orissa taken up during 1978-79, 1979-80 and 1980-81;

(b) the progress made so far for the completion of those projects;

(c) whether the LB river irrigation project will be completed during 1981-82;

(d) the total number of villages in Sundergarh and its adjacent districts which will be benefited by the implementation of these projects;

(e) the total acres of land can be brought under irrigation in those districts by the completion of this LB irrigation projects; and

(f) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Irrigation project is the only Major Irrigation Project which has been proposed by the State Government to benefit Sundergarh district in Orissa.

(b) The project has not been approved so far and no work has so far been undertaken

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Sambalpur is the only adjacent district to be benefited from this Project. Information regarding number of villages to be benefited is not available with the Centre.