

Development of Nanda Devi and Garhwal areas as national parks

3261. SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to develop Nanda Devi and Valley of Flowers in Garhwal area as National Parks for projection of National flora and fauna; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b) National Parks are established by the State Government under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The Government of Uttar Pradesh is considering the setting up of national parks for Nanda Devi and the Valley of flowers.

Assistance to Orissa for plantation of Mango

3262. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the acres of land proposed to be covered by the plantation of mango in Podu ravaged areas of Orissa with the funds under the Special Central Assistance during 1981-82;

(b) the amount provided to Orissa under the above Special Central Assistance arrangements;

(c) the steps taken in the Podu ravaged areas of Orissa (district-wise) to achieve the target in the plantation of mango trees so far; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI): (a) No special Central assistance has been given for the plantation of mango in Podu ravaged areas of Orissa during 1981-82.

(b) to (d) Question does not arise.

Survey Regarding Rural Indebtedness

3263. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government has conducted any survey State-wise, regarding rural indebtedness during last two years;

(b) if so, the details regarding the figures showing all-India rural indebtedness over the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) what are the steps Government have proposed to take to remove the poverty during the Sixth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b) The Surveys on Rural Indebtedness are undertaken on an All-India basis decennially by the National Sample Survey Organisation in collaboration with the Reserve Bank of India. The last such survey was conducted during 1971-72. The Fourth Survey is currently being conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation as a part of its 37th round from 1st January to 31st December, 1982. The results of the Survey would be available after a few years.

(c) The Government have taken a number of steps to institutionalise progressively the credit flow in order to reduce gradually the dependence of the rural poor for loans on non-institutional sources. The loans from Institutional sources are for specific productive purposes and generate additional income.

Marketing of Imported Oil

3264. SHRI B. V. DESAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that imported oil will for the first time be