

Construction of Houses for Economically Weaker Section

4647. SHRI P. K. KODIYAN : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state the progress made so far in the States in the construction of houses for economically weaker sections ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH) : More than 70% of the houses, for construction of which loan has been sanctioned by HUDCO, are for the Economically Weaker Sections. 30% of the HUDCO's funds are earmarked for EWS housing. As on 30-6-82, HUDCO has sanctioned loans which will help in construction of 8.50 lakh dwelling units for the EWS. Besides, under the Minimum Needs Programme, in the States house sites have been provided to 98 lakh landless families and construction assistance has been provided to cover 18.70 lakh rural landless families as on 31-3-1982.

Survey conducted by Hindustan Lever for achieving self-sufficiency in edible oil

4648. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether India can easily through adoption of practical and simple steps increase the edible oil production within the next 5 years to stop the imports and even become an exporter as per survey conducted by Hindustan Lever;

(b) if so, whether imports of edible oils are costing the nation foreign exchange worth Rs. 600 crores a year ;

(c) whether according to the survey, to achieve self-sufficiency in

edible oils within the next 5 years commercial oils palm plantation should be raised as joint sector venture in the coastal areas of Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu ;

(d) whether the survey further reveals that rupees 100 crores invested over a period 5 years in raising palm plantation would annually yield oil worth Rs. 80 crores ; and

(e) if so, whether Government have examined these points and are framing the policy accordingly ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN ARIF) : (a) to (d). These were the observations of the Chairman of the Hindustan Levers Ltd. at its Annual General Meeting held on June 25, 1982.

(e) Government have since long before been taking several measures for reducing the gap between the availability of edible oils in the country and their demand. Certain schemes for enhancing the production of oilseeds have been taken up under the Plan. Facilities for processing oil are also being set up. Steps are being taken for diversifying the sources of edible oils. Increasing emphasis is being laid on tapping non-traditional sources including those of tree and forest origin.

Agricultural Inputs to Farmers for Kharif Season

4649. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government had launched a country-wide campaign to provide adequate inputs to farmers during the kharif season ;

(b) if so, whether directives have been issued to State Governments to make arrangements for supply of seeds, fertilizers and credit well ahead of time :

(c) whether it is also a fact that State level committee were also being set up to monitor the supply of power and diesel for sowing operations ;

(d) whether a series of high level meetings were held in New Delhi to identify the constraints in successful implementation of the kharif campaign and to take immediate measures to overcome them ;

(e) if so, to what extent such measures helped in the kharif production during the current year ; and

(f) whether country's position in regard to kharif has improved ?

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

(b) Necessary directives were issued to State Governments well in advance for arranging supply of seeds, fertilizer, credit, etc.

(c) The State Governments were advised for setting up the Inter-departmental Coordination Committees at the State and District levels for periodically reviewing the progress of kharif campaign and taking decisions across the table to sort out difficulties in the supply of inputs, irrigation water, electricity, diesel etc.

(d) Yes, Sir. Four regional meetings were held in Delhi between 20th and 28th of April 1982.

(e) and (f). This has helped in fixing a target of 84.3 million tonnes

of foodgrain production during kharif 1982 as compared to 83.7 million tonnes during kharif 1981.

Type 'C' Quarters for Central Government Employees

4650. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of type 'C' quarters meant for the Central Government employees that have been released during 1981-82 ; and number of quarters under construction in 1981-82 ;

(b) whether some type 'C' quarters are likely to be released in 1982-83 ;

(c) the number of quarters area-wise expected to be released by the end of 1982-83 ; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH) : (a) 1821 type 'C' quarters released during 1981-82 in the general pool and 5955 quarters were under construction on 31-3-1982.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). The number of type 'C' quarters expected to be released by the end of 1982-83, and the areas where these are being constructed are given below :—

Station	Area	No. of qrs.
Delhi	DIZ, Lodhi Road, M.B. Road, Aram Bagh & Timarpur	2345
Bombay	Sheik Mishtri	79
Madras	K.K. Nagar	96
Calcutta	Salt Lake	250
Shillong	Moti Nagar	24