

(c) The State Governments, including Bihar, have been requested to undertake concurrent evaluation/impact studies in the first instance through their own evaluation machinery or through selected academic/research institutions of standing and experience in this field. Evaluation Reports are awaited.

A total number of 4,15,125 families have been assisted under I.R.D.P. in Bihar during the years 1980-81 and 1981-82.

Allotment of Houses to Industrial Workers in Vishwa Karma Nagar

1164. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vishwa Karma Nagar a trans-yamuna industrial workers colony was developed by the Labour Department of the Delhi Administration and the houses were allotted to industrial workers in 1970-71;

(b) whether the ownership rights were granted to the workers in 1979;

(c) whether Government are aware that roof of some of the houses have collapsed putting the occupants and owners to financial difficulties;

(d) whether Public Works Department has been asked to examine if the sub-standard material was used;

(e) if so, the details; and

(f) in what way the workers-owners will be given financial help for repairs?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Out of 852 quarters, roofs of 2 quarters collapsed.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f) On receipt of report about the collapse of the roof of one of the quarters in August, 82, the site was inspected by a Senior Officer of the Labour Department of Delhi Admn. with a view

to ascertain the cause of the damage. The concerned Superintending Engineer was immediately asked to examine as to whether the material used was sub-standard or not. Samples of the material were, therefore, taken by the PWD and sent to the Laboratory for examination and further action will be taken by them on receipt of the report.

Business problems of sheep breeders

1165. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the fact that the sheep breeders in the country, especially in Rajasthan, are being deprived of a stable and growing business for their wool with carpet makers as reported in the Times of India dated 15-8-1982;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether Government prepared to restrict the wool-imports to a level which will not upset the sale of domestic wool in the market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. However, no official communication has been received that sheep breeders, especially in Rajasthan, are being deprived of a stable and growing business for their wool with carpet makers.

(b) and (c) Having regard to the demand and supply situation, it is felt that the stage has not yet reached when Government will be in a position to consider restricting wool imports for the sake of protecting domestic wool market.

Production of Foodgrains vis-a-vis total Requirement

1166. PROF. RUP CHAND PAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total estimated production of foodgrains in our country in 1980-81 and 1981-82;

(b) the estimated shortfall vis-a-vis our total requirement; and

(c) the reasons for shortfall, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) During 1980-81, the total production of foodgrains in the country is estimated at 129.9 million tonnes. The production of foodgrains during 1981-82 is provisionally estimated at around 133 million tonnes.

(b) In a normal year, foodgrains production in the country is sufficient to meet the requirements.

(c) Does not arise.

जल प्रदाय और मल व्ययन संस्थान में अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति का कोटा

1167. श्री त्रिलोक चन्द्र : क्या निर्माण और आवास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति के अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों का कोटा जल प्रदाय और मल व्ययन संस्थान में अभी तक पूरा नहीं हुआ है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो कमी के क्या कारण हैं और भिन्न-भिन्न विभागों में यह भी कमी किन पदों के लिए बनी हुई है ; और

(ग) इस कमी को दूर करने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

संसदीय कार्य तथा निर्माण और आवास मंत्री (श्री भीष्म नारायण सिंह) : (क) से (ग) अपेक्षित सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Effect of floods and failure of monsoon on agriculture production

1168. SHRI B. V. DESAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the indifferent course of the south-west monsoon has dealt a big blow to farm hopes for the year 1982-83 with the precipitation and spatial distribution of rainfall extremely unsatisfactory;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the unprecedented floods have also added to the poor harvesting of crops;

(c) if so, to what extent the kharif crops have been affected by both these factors;

(d) whether this will greatly upset the agricultural production in the country; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government to meet this threat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) to (d). As a result of delayed monsoon and insufficient rains as well as floods in some parts of the country, the output of kharif crops is likely to be lower than last year. However, no quantitative estimates of likely shortfall are yet available.

(e) Various measure have been taken to meet the situation arising out of drought and floods. These include, among others:

(i) Alternative cropping strategies emphasizing short duration and low water using crops to reduce kharif loss.

(ii) Optimum use of available irrigation water to increase the productivity of crops.

(iii) Provision of inputs.

(iv) Ensuring availability of power and diesel for the running of pump sets.

(v) Mounting a rabi campaign to compensate likely loss in kharif output of foodgrains.