

1972 is under implementation throughout the country except North-Eastern States of Nagaland, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram where land is generally held on community basis and also the Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Goa, Daman & Diu. The programme is under implementation after the revised land ceiling laws became effective in the respective States.

(c) Ceiling surplus land distributed in Orissa during the last three years was 7531 acres to 7319 beneficiaries.

(d) District-wise details of progress are not being collected.

Eviction of Large Number of Families from Forest Land in Assam.

2265. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of families have recently been evicted from forest lands in Assam rendering them homeless ;

(b) if so, details thereof ;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to provide them with alternative land for their rehabilitation ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN) : (a) to (d). Information has been called for from the Government of Assam and will be placed on the Table of the House when received.

Formulation of National Grid of Milk Dairies

2266. SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have been considering the formation of a National Grid for all Milk Dairies in the country, so as to enable the white revolution to be successful; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard, with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN) : (a) and (b). The National Milk Grid is in operation as a part of Operation Flood Programme for offsetting the regional and seasonal imbalances in milk production and supply. A total of 509 road milk tankers with a total capacity of 58.30 lakh litres and 75 rail milk tankers with a total capacity of 26.02 lakh litres have been commissioned so far. As a part of the grid operation, milk now moves to distances as far away as 2500 kms. from the producing centre in specially fabricated tankers. Milk is being sent through rail milk tankers from Anand, Jalgaon and Dhulia to Bombay; Anand, Vijayawada and Guntur to Calcutta; Anand, Palanpur, Ajmer, Jodhpur and Bikaner to Delhi and Erode to Madras. The Indian Dairy Corporation has placed orders for additional 616 road milk tankers with a total capacity of 70.45 lakh litres and 16 rail milk tankers with a total capacity of 4.5 lakh litres. Facilities have been created for storage of 5300 MT of skim milk powder and 1200 MT of butter oil and additional facilities for 3000 MT of skim milk powder and deep freeze facilities for storing 1000 MT of butter are under construction.