

(b) if so, the details thereof and what steps Government have taken to check this ;

(c) whether Central Government have advised States in this regard ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI) : (a) to (d). The problem of fungus in foodgrains is being looked into by a number of organisations, such as, the National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad and the Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore. High moisture content in foodgrains favours the development of fungus resulting in damage. Maximum limits for moisture content in foodgrains are fixed under Prevention of Food Adulteration Act and Rules, and also in the specifications laid down for purchase of foodgrains. The foodgrains having moisture content within these safe limits are not damaged by fungus. The specifications are circulated to the FCI and the State Governments and their agencies, and are followed by them in the purchase of foodgrains for the State and Central stocks.

In the Extension Programmes carried out through 17 Save Grain Campaign Offices, throughout the country the importance of drying of foodgrains for avoidance of losses due to moisture and fungus is emphasised.

Execution of Kanhapur Irrigation Project (Orissa)

2283. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to complete the execution

of Kanhapur medium irrigation project of Keonjhar district in Orissa during the current financial year ; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far in executing the above irrigation project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI): (a) and (b). Presumably, the Hon'ble Member is referring to Kanhapur Major Irrigation Project of Orissa. This Project is at present under examination in the Central Water Commission in consultation with the State Government and is yet to be approved by the Planning Commission. The project has not been included by the Government of Orissa in their Sixth Plan.

F.A.O. Assistance for Olive and Pistachio Production

2284. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed an agreement with the Food and Agricultural Association for assistance in olive and pistachio production in the country ; and

(b) if so, the quantum of assistance agreed to ?

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

(b) U.S. \$ 47,000.

Schemes Financed by HUDCO in Assam

2285. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of schemes financed by HUDCO in Assam for the last three years :