

districts of Rajkot, Amreli, Bhavanagar and other districts of Gujarat during 1-2-1980 to 30-9-1982 ;

(b) if so, the details of construction of the same during the above period ;

(c) the details of work under construction in each district ; and

(d) how many quarters and houses have been allotted to each categories of Class IV, III, II, I and Gazetted Officers in each of the above districts and cities ?

**THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH):** (a) The Central Government has not constructed any 'general pool' accommodation for Central Government employees in Gujarat during 1-2-1980 to 30-9-1982.

(b) to (d). Does not arise.

#### **Construction of FCI Godowns in N.E. Region**

2353. SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA:

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether, keeping in view the increased foodgrains demand, Food Corporation of India proposes to build new godowns in the State of North-Eastern Region ;

(b) if so, the locations where the proposed godowns are likely to be built ;

(c) the total capacity of the godowns ; and

(d) to what extent the godowns will be beneficial to meet the requirement of the people living in far flung hilly areas ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI):** (a) to (c). The Food Corporation of India proposes to build godowns with a total capacity of 20,000 tonnes at Haflong, Kumarnagar, Mokukchung, Tuensang, Pasighat, Lunglei and Lawngtlai.

(d) Construction of godowns will enable adequate stocking of foodgrains and thereby help in improving the availability of foodgrains in the region.

#### **Recommendations of Task Force on use of Farm Land**

2354. SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a task force which was set up about three years ago by his Ministry to suggest ways for making optimum use of farm land has recommended the setting up of new institutions for research, development and training in farm forestry and strengthening the existing ones ;

(b) if so, whether Government have approved the proposed recommendations of the task force ;

(c) whether Government have asked all the States to implement the recommendations of the task force vigorously ; and

(d) if so, the progress so far achieved by each State in this regard ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R.V. SWAMINATHAN):** (a) A task force was set up in December, 1979 to go into the question of encouraging Forestry on Farmers' lands involving commercial

banks and industries. In one of the recommendations, this task force had recommended research in Farm Forestry to provide a back-up for the extension and training programme.

(b) to (d). The recommendations of this task force have been accepted by the Government. The States have been requested to implement the recommendations of the task force. No implementation report was called from the States.

### **Scheme for Promotion of Agricultural Operations in Dry Land**

2355. SHRI DAULAT SINHJI JADEJA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to promote agricultural operation in dry land ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

(c) the area and State where dry farming methods have been introduced so far ;

(d) the result achieved ; and

(e) if it is successful what steps are being taken to popularise this method for increasing agricultural products ?

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

(b) and (c). Out of about 143 million hectares of net sown area in the country, about 105 million hectares (73.4% of net sown area) is rainfed. Prior to the announcement of new 20-Point Programme of the Prime Minister, agricultural development was largely concentrated in irrigated areas which are capable of producing sure and quick results. With the inclusion of development of dryland farming in the new 20-Point Programme, vigorous and concerted efforts

are being made through various programmes for stepping up and stabilising production and productivity in rainfed/dry-land areas. The Schemes/Programmes taken up/proposed to be taken up are enumerated below:—

- (1) Intensive development of micro-watersheds in each of identified blocks ;
- (2) Rainfed Farming Development projects to be implemented with the assistance of World Bank in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.
- (3) Adoption of villages for their integrated development by each of the rural branches of commercial banks.
- (4) Launching of 23 model projects in the vicinity of ICAR's Dryland Research Centres with the assistance of Agricultural Refinance and Development Corporation.
- (5) Consideration of a Dryland Development Project in Madhya Pradesh with thrust on production of pulses and oilseeds effectively utilise kharif and rabi follows with the assistance of International Fund for Agricultural Development.
- (6) The States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu are continuing integrated dryland agricultural development programme in selected districts.
- (7) Indian Council of Agricultural Research is intensifying research on its 23 dryland research centres. In addition, four operational research projects located at Hyderabad, Bangalore (Hebbal), Ludhiana (Hoshiarpur) and Ranchi are in progress. Four more operational research projects are proposed to be taken up in the current plan at Hissar, Sholapur, Rewa, Anantapur, Rajkot.