

(b) This allegation has been denied by the DDA.

(c) Promotion of housing activity by individuals and groups of individuals is sought to be achieved by the following means which are already in operation:—

(i) Allotment of residential plots at *pre-determined* rates to persons belonging to the Economically weaker Sections, the low Income Group and the Middle Income Group; and

(ii) Allotment of land at *pre-determined* rates to cooperative group housing societies.

(d) Does not arise.

Construction of Harijan Colonies

9517. SHRI P. PENCHALAI AH : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for constructing Harijan colonies far away from the main villages; and

(b) whether there is any proposal for constructing houses for other weaker sections with harijans without reducing the priority of harijans?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN ARIF) : (a) The scheme for the provision of Rural House Sites-cum-Construction Assistance for Rural Landless Workers is being implemented by the State Governments as a part of M.N.D. and the New 20 Point Programme. The scheme envisages settlements of all rural landless workers including Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes along with other families belonging to S.C. and S.T.

(b) This scheme also envisages Provision of construction assistance/houses for the families allotted house-sites. The scheme is being implemented for all rural landless workers bulk of whom are harijans. It is envisaged that more than 25% of

all rural landless workers will be covered by this programme by 1985 and balance to be covered during the next plan period.

Olive Plantation in Northern Hill States

9518. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have examined the feasibility of starting olive plantations in J & K, Himachal Pradesh and hill areas of U.P.;

(b) if so, whether any pilot project has since been launched; and

(c) the progress of the project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) The preliminary reports indicate that it is possible to grow olive successfully in Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh hill areas.

(b) A Pilot Project with Italian collaboration is under consideration.

(c) Does not arise.

Schemes for State-Cum-House for Rural Landless Labourers

9519. SHRI RASA BEHARI BEHERA : SHRI K. PRADHANI :

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Orissa have taken up vast measures and schemes for site-cum-houses to be constructed for the rural landless labourers under the new 20-Point programme?

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many such constructions have come up and distributed to them in 1981-82, 1982-83; and