

CPWD Staff Quarters Outside Delhi

5552. SHRI K.A. RAJAN : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) the name of the towns or cities, where the CPWD has its own staff quarters outside Delhi;

(b) the number of such quarters in each town or city according to each type;

(c) the name of the towns or cities outside Delhi where the CPWD has its essential staff quarters; and

(d) the number of such quarters in each town or city according to each type and the divisions to which they are attached ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN ARIF) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Muster Roll Beldars in C.P.W.D., at Delhi

5553. SHRI K.A. RAJAN : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of muster roll Beldars in CPWD in Delhi who have put in 240 days of service in each year of 1979 and 1980 and have been absorbed in workcharged staff;

(b) the number of such muster roll Beldars whose cases of absorption in workcharged staff is still pending and the reasons for the same; and

(c) the number of muster roll Beldars in CPWD in Delhi who have put in 240 days of service in each year of 1980 and 1981 and who have not so far been absorbed in workcharged staff and the reasons for delay ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN ARIF) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Foreign Exchange earned and spent during Asiad

5554. SHRI NIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) What is the amount of foreign exchange earned from various sources during the IX Asian Games ?

(b) what is the amount of foreign exchange spent on purchasing goods and equipments required for conducting the games; and

(c) what are the details of profit and loss account of foreign exchange in regard to the Asian Games ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, SPORTS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) Upto 31st January, 1983, the Special Organising Committee had earned Rs. 1.71 crores equivalent of foreign exchange.

(b) The foreign exchange equivalent of Rs. 3.39 crores had been spent by National Institute of Sports, Patiala and Special Organising Committee on purchasing goods and equipment required for conducting the IX Asian Games, 1982.

(c) The Asiad' 82 was not in the nature of a commercial venture. The question of any profit or loss, therefore, does not arise.

Spreading of Disease in Coconut and Orange Plantations in Southern States

5555. SHRI K. MALLANNA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government are aware that a disease is spreading to coconut and orange plantations in Southern States;

(b) whether any report in this regard has been received by Central Government;

(c) if so, the names of such States; and

(d) the steps Central Government have taken to assist the State concerned in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) :

(a) There is no disease which is common both to citrus and coconut which has been reported to be spreading in Southern States. The Government are aware that a disease of coconut palms, called 'root-wilt' disease, which has been prevalent in Kerala for many years has recently spread to palms in the border areas of Tamil Nadu.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The States are Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

(d) A Scheme for rejuvenation of disease affected palms in Kerala is under implementation since 1977-78. During the VIth Plan (1980—85) an amount of Rs. 102.93 lakhs to be shared equally (50:50) by the Centre and the State Government has been sanctioned. This Scheme would cover an area of 25,000 hectares in the disease affected area. Under the Scheme the annual average target is 11,000 hectares. About 2.2 lakh palms in the disease affected region are to be replanted. Coconut hybrid plants will be supplied at 50% subsidy, and fertilisers will also be made available to the growers at 50% subsidised rates.

In addition, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has intensified research on the diagnosis and control

of the disease. Recently, the scientists at the Kayamkulam Station of Central Plantation Crops Research Institute in Kerala have been able to demonstrate the presence of mycoplasma like Organisers (MLO) in the diseased palms but not in the healthy ones. This is considered to be a very significant observation towards further work on the etiology of the disease.

On the control side, the Institute has developed a package of practices such as mulching use of fertilisers, irrigation, intercropping and mixed farming which have been found to help in the productivity in the diseased areas. Attempts have also been made to contain the disease within its present limits by eradicating the diseased palms in healthy areas and planting healthy seedling in their place.

For the control of citrus and coconut diseases, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is implementing All India Coordinated Projects.

Irrigation Projects not Able to Meet Irrigation Requirement

5556. SHRI MANOHAR LAL SAINI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are old irrigation projects and some constructed recently which are not able to meet the irrigation requirements; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to remedy the defects therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) :

(a) The Pre-Plan and some of the earlier Plan irrigation projects are not able to meet the irrigation demand, owing to change in the cropping pattern, cropping intensity, and adoption of high yielding varieties of crops.

(b) These projects need to be modernised. The States have been asked to