

(b) The total value of purchase orders placed by the DGS&D for hosiery goods, including the supply orders placed by them against the rate contracts, during the year 1970-71 amounted to Rs 2,33,69,867.18. The particulars are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library, See No. LT-672/71] The names of rate contract holding firms for various hosiery items are given in the attached statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-672/71]

(c) and (d). Generally the Co-operative societies of small-scale units are given preference. Quotations from them were however not received during 1970-71.

Soil Conservation in Kerala

4996. SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THANKAPPAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have allocated funds for any scheme for conservation of soil in the State of Kerala ;

(b) if so, the total acreage of land brought under the said scheme during the last three years ;

(c) the purpose for which the said land is being utilised ; and

(d) the amount spent so far thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) Yes Sir, State and Central Government have provided funds for the conservation of soil in the State of Kerala.

(b) An area of 10100 hectares under the State Plan Scheme and 1753 hectares under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme have been covered during the last three years (1968-69 to 1970-71).

(c) the land is being utilised for Agricultural and non-Agricultural purposes.

(d) A sum of Rs. 113 lakhs and Rs. 18.84 lakhs have been spent on the State and centrally sponsored schemes of soil conservation respectively during the last three years (1968-69 to 1970-71).

Cases of Corruption and Irregularities in DGS&D

4997. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases of corruption and irregularities in DGS&D, which have come to the notice of Government during the last three years; and

(b) the total amount involved and the steps taken against the culprits ?

THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) : (a) 781 cases.

(b) Appropriate penalties ranging from warning to removal and dismissal from service, were imposed in 189 cases. Statistics are not maintained of the amounts involved in such cases.

Teacher-Pupil Ratio in Schools Established by Rourkela Steel Plant

4998. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state the teacher-pupil ratio in the schools established at Rourkela by Rourkela Steel Plant ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : The teacher-pupil ratio in the schools established at Rourkela by the plant Management is 1 : 32.