

(d) whether it is a part of the Plan?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) to (d). Executive instructions have been issued to the State Governments to avoid acquisition of good agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes as far as possible.

2. It is not a fact that an artificial lake is being constructed at Digha Tourist Centre in District Midnapur, West Bengal. Seven hundred acres of land are however being acquired for development of Digha as a seaside health resort. Digging of earth out of natural depressions is being done in the area for developing land surrounding these depressions. Development works have already started in 300 acres of which 65 acres are agricultural, but by no means good agricultural land. The effect of this acquisition on food production, is reported to be negligible. All the lands were taken possession of under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, after payment of compensation to the owners. Development of Digha as a seaside health resort is included in the State Plan.

श्रीबराय इण्टरकाण्टिनेन्टल होटल, नई दिल्ली

2586. श्री किसान पटनायक : क्या परिवहन, उड्डयन, नौवहन तथा पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार ने श्रीबराय इण्टर-काण्टिनेन्टल होटल, नई दिल्ली के निर्माण के लिये कितना ऋण दिया है तथा ऋण की शर्तें क्या हैं; और

(ख) अब तक इस ऋण की कितनी किश्तों का भुगतान होटल द्वारा किया जा चुका है ?

परिवहन, उड्डयन, नौवहन तथा पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री संजीव रेड्डी) : (क) श्रीबराय

इण्टरकाण्टिनेन्टल होटल के निर्माण के लिए सरकार ने कोई ऋण नहीं दिया है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Damage to Crops due to Cyclone

2587. Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda: Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether cyclonic storm has damaged crops in Madras coast in early second week of this month; and

(b) if so, the value of crops damaged?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) and (b). As a result of the two cyclones during November, 1966, the following is the position regarding the estimated damages to crops, plantations, etc in the districts of South Arcot, North Arcot and Chingleput districts in Madras State as per information so far received:

PADDY:

Standing paddy crops over an extent of 6,000 acres can be considered totally lost due to submersion and will involving replanting. The cost of seeds and fertilizers for raising a fresh crop on these 6,000 acres would be approximately Rs. 3.60 lakhs. The presumptive value of the produce lost as far as these 6,000 acres are concerned, is Rs. 24.00 lakhs. It is estimated that about 2,800 acres have been sand-cast to different degrees. In about 2,000 acres, the silting is light, that is about 3" to 6" and in about 800 acres, it is heavy, that is 6" to 18". The total cost of 'heavy' reclamation and 'light' reclamation will come to Rs. 8.00 lakhs. Yield has been considerably affected in an extent of about 36,500 acres where the loss is likely to be of the order of