

have taken some concrete decisions to build cheap houses for poor people in the Urban and Rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING; AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY): (a) and (b). Certain social housing schemes formulated by this Ministry, such as Integrated Subsidised Housing Scheme for Industrial Workers and Economically Weaker Sections of Community, the Slum Clearance and Improvement Scheme, Subsidised Housing Scheme for Plantation Workers and Village Housing Project Scheme which envisage construction of low-cost houses for industrial workers, slum dwellers and other weaker sections of the society are already in operation in the States etc. No fresh decision has, however, been taken in this regard

Damodar Valley Corporation

3032. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is possibility that Damodar Valley Corporation may finance its own power plans in 1974; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). A provision of Rs. 49.15 crores has been made in the draft Fourth Plan for the Damodar Valley Corporation's Power Projects. Out of this a sum of Rs. 31 crores—i.e. about 60%—is expected to be provided by the Damodar Valley Corporation from its internal resources. It is too early to indicate the position beyond the Fourth Plan Period.

Plan for Increasing Production of Coal by N.C.D.C.

3033. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National

Coal Development Corporation has plans to increase the production of coal by about six million tonnes by the end of the Fourth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI JAGANNATH RAO): (a) Subject to availability of adequate demand for coal and transport and other facilities, the National Coal Development Corporation has plans to increase its production from 12.62 million tonnes to 23.50 million tonnes by the end of the Fourth Plan.

(b) The increase in coking coal production estimated at about 5.57 million tonnes is expected to come from the mines already developed in Bokaro coal-field and those under development in the Jharia coal-field. The increase in non-coking coal production estimated at about 5.31 million tonnes is expected to come mostly from the mines already developed and under development.

State Bank's Scheme for Advancing Loans to Agricultural Graduates

3034. SHRI N. K. SOMANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Bank of India has finalised the scheme to advance 100 per cent loans on the mortgage of land to Agricultural Graduates in the rural areas; and

(b) the response to and progress of this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) The State Bank of India announced towards the end of May, 1969 a special scheme called "Farm Graduate Scheme" for providing financial assistance to prospective graduate farmers who have worthwhile projects of agricultural production but are unable to undertake them due to lack of financial resources. A statement containing the main features of the scheme is annexed.

(b) The scheme has not yet been brought into force. It is proposed to be implemented by the Bank and its subsidiaries shortly at certain selected centres.