

WRITTEN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS

Assistance to the famine affected Rajasthan State

[Translation]

*102. SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Union Government are considering to grant additional assistance to Government of Rajasthan to meet the situation created by diminution in livestock owing to acute famine in the State; and

(b) if so, how much assistance is to be given and when ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a) and (b). Central Assistance to the tune of Rs. 98.65 crores has been sanctioned to Rajasthan during the current year. Out of this amount, Rs. 3.96 crores has been sanctioned for cattle conservation including fodder, etc. Government of India have since agreed to bear the transportation cost of fodder from outside the State.

[English]

Fishing harbours in Orissa

*103. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount earmarked for the construction of fishing harbours in Orissa during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) the number and the estimated cost of each of those fishing harbours proposed to be set up in Orissa during the above plan period; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a) An outlay of Rs. 1700 lakhs for fishing harbours at major ports and Rs. 1800 lakhs for fishing harbours at minor ports is provided in the Seventh Plan. The expenditure on the fishing harbours that may be sanctioned for Orissa during the Seventh Plan will be met out of the said outlay.

(b) One proposal for construction of a minor fishing harbour at Gopalpur at an estimated cost of Rs. 599 lakhs is under examination.

(c) Government of Orissa have been requested to identify any forward proposals for small fish landing jetties. Pradeep Port Trust and Government of Orissa have been requested to finalise the project report on Pradeep fishing Harbour.

Diversion of Steel and 'Defectives' by Steel Authority of India

*104. SHRI SYED MASUDAL HOSAIN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Ltd., has diverted an unusually large quantity of steel and 'defectives' to the private trade in Western India; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Drought situation in the Country

*105. SHRI MANIK REDDY :
SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of States which are badly affected due to serious drought;

(b) whether any relief has since been provided to those State Governments by Union Government;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether any Central Team has been sent to the affected States and if so, the findings of the team; and

(e) the States whose demand for Central assistance has not been met in full and the reasons therefor ?