

Development Programme (IRDP), National Rural Employment Programme (NREP), Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP) and Rural Water Supply Programme are placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No LT—5853/88].

**Management of Tourist Lodge,
Kaziranga**

*533. SHRI SAIFUDDIN AHMED : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have handed over the management of tourist lodge at Kaziranga permanently to the State Government of Assam ; and

(b) if so, whether the employees of the tourist lodge initially appointed by the India Tourism Development Corporation have been absorbed with full pay benefits by the State Government of Assam ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) With a view to exercising better supervision and control by the State Government, Department of Tourism, Government of India, has transferred Forest Lodge at Kaziranga to the Government of Assam.

(b) The ex-employees of ITDC working in the Lodge who opted for employment in the Government of Assam have been allowed corresponding Scale of pay of the State Government and their pay has been protected.

Construction of Warchouses

*534. SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA :
SHRI SRI HARI RAO :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to construct more warehouses in Public and Private Sectors during 1988 and 1989 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the allocation of funds made for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) to (c) A statement is given below.

Statement

(a) and (b) The Food Corporation of India (FCI) and the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), the two Public Sector Undertakings under the control of the Ministry, propose to construct storage capacity of 14.82 lakh tonnes during 1987-88 and 1988-89, of which a capacity of 4.52 lakh tonnes has already been completed upto February, 1988 during 1987-88. A capacity of 7.99 lakh tonnes is at present under construction by these two undertakings. The remaining capacity is proposed to be taken up during 1988-89.

No proposal for construction of storage capacity in the private sector is under the consideration of the Ministry at present.

(c) During 1987-88, the Government has released Rs. 38.00 crores to FCI to enable it to take up the construction programme. An outlay of Rs. 27.75 crores has been approved for FCI for 1988-89 for the same purpose. The CWC is financing its construction programme from its own resources and no budgetary support has been provided/is likely to be provided to the Corporation during 1987-88 and 1988-89. The CWC is expected to incur an expenditure of about Rs. 18.00 crores during 1987-88 and Rs. 20.00 crores during 1988-89 from its own resources to finance its construction programme.

Production of Fruits

*535. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been increase in the area and per capita production of fruits during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and