

Development Bank.

**SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, the answer given by the Minister is unsatisfactory, unhelpful and vague. As far as the Visakhapatnam Port is concerned, I would like to know from the Minister whether the preparation of the project report has been completed and when it will be implemented. May I also know what is the type of foreign assistance that is taken and whether it includes the financial assistance also ?

**SHRI RAJESH PILOT :** I could not hear properly the hon. Member's question but I would like to say that at the moment the main project in the Visakhapatnam port is we want to increase the draught so that we can receive the vessels up to 2 lakh DWT.

They want bigger ships for the iron ore which goes to Japan from there. That is why this project is being planned, and this project is being given priority to enhance the receiving facilities for the high-tonnage ships at Visakhapatnam.

**SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY :** What about Kakinada ?

**MR. SPEAKER :** The Question Hour is over.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Setting up of Centre for Micro-Planning at NIRD, Hyderabad

\*225. **SHRI C. SAMBU :**  
**SHRI MANIK REDDY :**

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the philosophy and objectives of the Centre for Micro-Planning at the National Institute of Rural Development at Hyderabad ;

(b) in what way it is different from the earlier faculty of Integrated Area Planning ;

(c) the achievements of this Centre in Research, Training and Consultancy since its

inception ; and

(d) the number of centres at the National Institute of Rural Development ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) :** (a) to (d). The activities of the earlier Faculty of Integrated Area Planning, both in respect of training and research related mainly to area development planning and project implementation particularly in agriculture and allied sectors. The Faculty was converted into a Centre for Micro-Planning with added responsibility for inter-disciplinary activities. Apart from micro-level planning for area development which essentially meant provision of infrastructure only, the Centre was made responsible for undertaking studies and training programmes on other related aspects such as rural development strategy formulation, spatial integration of different programmes, people's participation in plan formulation and implementation and introduction of techniques for programme evaluation and monitoring.

The Centre for Micro Planning came into existence in 1983. Till March, 1988 it had completed 28 research studies and conducted 68 training programmes. These include consultancy studies and consultancy training programmes.

There are at present three centres in NIRD, Hyderabad. There is also a Regional Centre at Guwahati which functions as an extension of NIRD, Hyderabad to cater to the training needs of North-Eastern States.

"Clearance of Developmental Projects"

\*226. **SHRI D.B. PATIL :** Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the number and nature of proposals submitted during the last one year by the Government of Maharashtra to Union Government for clearance for use of forest land to non-forestry purpose ;

(b) the number of proposals cleared and rejected by the Union Government ; and

(c) the reasons for rejecting the proposals ?