Grabbing of Tribal Land in Ranchi

Written Answers

- *18. SHRI GADADHAR SAHA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the grabbing of tribal land in Lohardaga, Ranchi by some influential persons who are driving the tribals away from that area; and
- (b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to recover the land and distribute it amongst the tribals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE OF WELWARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Appropriate action for restoration of land to the tribals is being taken under the law. According to information received from the State Government of Bihar, 128 40 acres of such land has already been restored to 34 tribals in Lohardaga, Besides, orders have been passed Ranchi for restoration of 8 45 acres of land to three Tribals, 17 other petitions filed recently for restoration of tribal land are under enquiry.

Recruitment to CRPF

- *19. SHRI SYFD SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the CRPF has specialised battalions to deal with communal riots,
- (b) the present procedure for recruitment to the CRPF;
- (c) the places visited by recruiting teams during the year 1987 the dates of visit and the number of jawaiis recruited at each place; and
- (d) whether it is proposed to introduce any change in the recruitment system so as to ensure equality of opportunity throughout the country.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS
(S. BUTA SINGH): (a) CRPF have six
Peace Keeping Force battalions

(b) Recruitment to posts other than constables is made through an all India competitive examination.

Recruitment of constables is made from

the open market with the assistance of the CRPF offices located in different parts of the country.

(c) The requisite information is given in the statement below.

(See columns 47—64).

(d) No, Sir, as the present system permits representation of cross-section of the society in the Force.

Allocation to Andhra Pradesh for Housing Under Minimum Needs Programme

- *20. SHRI V. TULSIRAM: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:
- (a) the amount allotted to the State of Andhra Pradesh for providing housing facilities under the Minimum Needs Programme during the Seventh Plan;
- (b) the amount actually released and utilised for the purpose; and
- (c) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have approached Union Government for more funds; if so, the details thereof and the time when the funds are expected to be released?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLE-MENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c). A Statement is given below.

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- (a) Under the Minimum Needs Programme there is only one scheme namely, Rural House-sites cum-House Construction scheme, which is operated under the State Sector Plan. The Andhra Pradesh Government, allocated an amount of Rs 215 crore for the scheme under the Seventh Plan.
- (b) The question of releasing funds by the Central Government, does not arise since this is a State Sector scheme. According to the information available from the State Government, an amount of Rs. 216 37 crore is anticipated to have been spent during the first three years of the Seventh Plan i.e. from 1985-86 to 1987-88.
 - (c) As already stated above, the question

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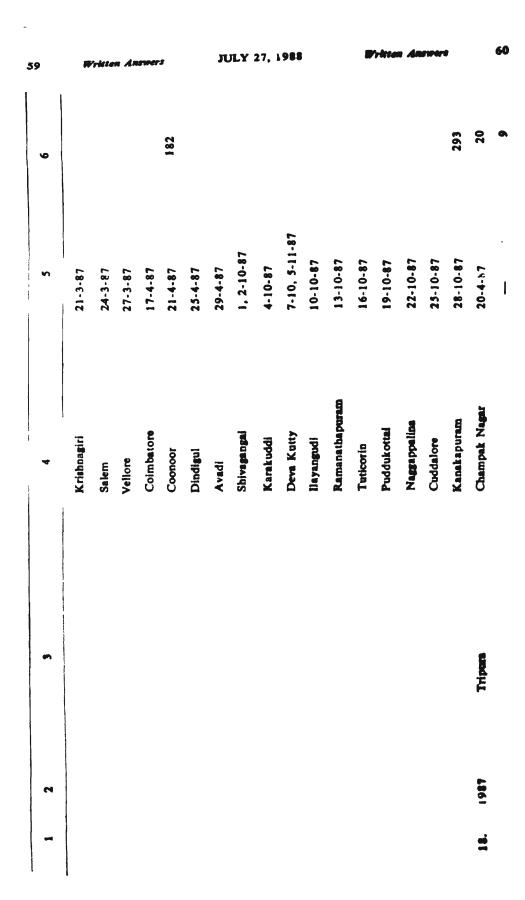
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of release of funds by the Central Government, does not arise in the case of this State Sector scheme. In its Drafts Annual Plan 1988-89 document, the State Government has indicated a higher provision of Rs. 320 crore for the Seventh Plan period for the above scheme as against the outlay of Rs. 215 crore.

Families Affected by Indo-Pak Border Fencing

I. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA:
SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of families likely to be affected due to fencing along Indo-Pak border; and
- (b) the steps being taken for their rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The present project for fencing along some stretches of Indo-Pak border in Punjab does not involve displacement of families.

(b) Does not arise.

Economically Assisted SC/ST Families

2. SHRI MATILAL HANSDA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state total number of SC/ST families who have been economically assisted during the first phase of the Seventh Plan at the end of December, 1987, year-wise and State-wise details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): A Statement showing total number of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe families economically assisted during the first phase of Seventh Plan at the end of December, 1987, Year-wise and State-wise, is given below.

(See columns 67-70).

Earth Tremors in Idukki, Keraia

3. DR. B.L. SHAILESH: Will the

PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any studies have been made on the recent earth tremors in Kerala's Idukki high ranges; and
 - (b) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

An earthquake of magnitude 4.5 on the Richter Scale occurred in Idukki at 0836 IST on the 7th June 1988. This was followed by after shocks. These earthquakes have been studied by scientists of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and other organisations such as Geological Survey of India, National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad, Centre of Earth Science Studies, Trivandrum, and Keraia State Electricity Board.

- (b) (i) The main shock was felt upto a radius of about 35 km. from the epicentre which was close to Nedumkandum about 20 km. from the Idukki dam. All the earthquakes had shallow depths of origin.
 - (ii) Inspection by the engineers of the Kerala State Electricity Board has confirmed that all the three dams, viz. Idukki, Cheruthoni, and Kulamavu are safe.
 - (iii) Studies of the Seismological Data indicate that there was no apparent increase in seismic activity in the Idukki region due to water storage.
- (iv) Occurrence of earthquakes of magnitude less than 5 on the Richter Scale is common in Peninsular India. These earthquakes are attributed to the weaker zones and local adjustments in the earth's crust. In view of the decaying trend of the present seismic activity, there appears to be no cause for alarm.

Setting up of a Zirconium Oxide Plant

4. SHRI SURESH KURUP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: