

the Steering Committee regularly. The progress reported so far is satisfactory.

Bridge between Consumers and Subsidised Flour Mills

*84. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that actual consumers are not benefited by the subsidy given to the flour mills; and

(b) if so, what measures Government propose for the benefit of the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION AND IRRIGATION (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Exploratory Fisheries Project

*89. SHRI RASABEHARI BEHERA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether Government propose to take steps to strengthen the exploratory fisheries project for the survey of deep sea fisheries resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes Sir, Under the VI Plan the Government propose to further strengthen the Exploratory Fisheries Project.

Implementation of National Rural employment Scheme in Orissa

*90. SHRI MANMOHAN TUDU: Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the total quantity of wheat allocated and supplied to Orissa Government for the implementation of

National Rural Employment Scheme during 1980-81

(b) whether priority was given in the scheme to the tribal districts of the States; and

(c) if so, the total quantity of wheat allocated and supplied to the tribal and non-tribal districts of Orissa in 1980-81 so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BALESHWAR RAM): (a) A total quantity of 1,47,760 metric tonnes of foodgrains including the carry-over balance of the previous year has been allocated and re-released under Food for Work/National Rural Employment Programme during 1980-81.

(b) Instructions have been issued to the States to undertake execution of larger number of works in tribal areas and to earmark 10 per cent of the resources under the Programme for investment on works having direct impact on the socio-economic life of scheduled tribes.

(c) Out of 13 districts in the State, three districts, which have large tribal population have been allocated 20,440 M.Ts of foodgrains out of the quantity of 1,00,500 M.Ts given as fresh allotments under Food for Work and National Rural Employment programme during 1980-81 over and above the unutilised balance of 47,260 M.Ts carried over from the previous year.

Implementation of Sardar Sarovar Project on Narmada River

*91. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:

SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh has raised objections relating to the implementation of the