

(b) Some of the new species identified after Independence and advocated for plantation under Social Forestry are given in statement III. [placed in Librery. see No. LT-7071/83]

### Supply of Essential Commodities to the States

\*90. SHRI K. PRADHANI :

SHRI ANANTHA RAMULU MALLU : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) Whether some additional essential commodities are being supplied to the States for fair price shops for distribution to consumers;

(b) Whether these essential commodities are also being supplied to tribal areas in remote rural areas Where fair price shops are not functioning; and

(c) if so, the details regarding the arrangements made by Government to make them easily available to the poor people in rural and tribal areas, particularly in the State of Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) to (c) Under the scheme of the Public Distribution System, the Central Government has assumed the responsibility for supplying seven essential commodities, i. e., wheat, rice sugar, imported edible oils, kerosene, soft-coke and controlled cloth to States/ Union Territories for distribution to the consumers. The State Governments have the option to add such other items of mass-consumption for distribution through public Distribution System as they deem fit by arranging for the

supplies of such items on their own. States/Union Territories have been advised to expand the coverage of the public Distribution System through opening more fair price shops, including mobile shops far-flung areas and also for giving special to the coverage of such areas as had hitherto been under-served or unserved like rural, hilly and tribal areas. The attention of the State Governments including the Government of Orissa has also been drawn to the need of better co-ordination between lifting, transportation, storage and distribution of essential commodities under the public distribution system so that the essential commodities allocated to them do reach the poor people residing in rural and tribal areas.

### यमुना के जल में प्रदूषण

\*91. श्री रामलाल राही : क्या निर्माण और आवास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यमुना से लिया जा रहा 75 प्रतिशत पेयजल प्रदूषित है जिसके कारण दिल्ली में अनेक बीमारियां फैल रही हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पीने के पानी को साफ करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या उपाय किये जा रहे हैं;

(ग) यदि कोई उपाय नहीं किये जा रहे हैं तो इसके ब्यौरेवार कारण क्या हैं; और

(घ) इस प्रदूषित पेयजल को पीने से पिछले वर्ष कितने व्यक्तियों की मृत्यु हुई थी ?

संसदीय कार्य खेल तथा निर्माण और आवास मंत्री (श्री बूटा सिंह) : (क) जी, नहीं ।