

**Action Plan for Naxalite Affected Areas
in Orissa**

613. SHRI NAKUL NAYAK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa Government has submitted an action plan for Union Government's approval and assistance in the naxalite affected area in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to approve the action plan and provide funds for its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b). The Action Plan prepared by the Orissa Government has been received by the Central Government in the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Rural Development). The Central Government is contemplating to depute a team of officials to visit the areas affected by left wing extremism in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Orissa. The Action Plan submitted by the state Government of Orissa will be examined in the Ministry of Agriculture in the light of the report submitted by the Central Team.

**Land Under Groundnut Cultivation in
Orissa**

614. SHRI NAKUL NAYAK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total hectares of land in Orissa brought under groundnut cultivation so far;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to increase the area under groundnut cultivation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the target set therefor for the the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):

(a) The total area under groundnut during 1988-89 in Orissa was 3.76 lakh hectares.

(b) and (c). Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely, Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is being implemented during 1990-91 for increasing area and production of oilseeds including groundnut in important oilseeds growing States. Orissa State is also covered under the scheme. Financial assistance is provided under the scheme to the States for organising large sized demonstrations of improved technology on farmers field to induce them to take up cultivation of groundnut and other oilseeds on larger area.

(d) The Planning Commission has fixed the production target of 8.5 lakh tonnes for total oilseeds in Orissa State for 1990-91 only.

**Regularisation of Casual Workers at
Crida Santosh Nagar Hyderabad**

615. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the casual workers, mostly Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes at the Central Research Institute for Dry Land Agriculture Santosh Nagar Hyderabad have not been regularised inspite of twenty years of service;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether they are not even getting the minimum wages as per prescribed rate; and