

Winding up of Rehabilitation Industries Corporation, Calcutta

*169. SHRI K.B. CHETTRI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to wind up the Rehabilitation Industries Corporation, Calcutta; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY & REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) Government are considering steps for making the Rehabilitation Industries Corporation viable and are awaiting the proposals of the Corporation in this regard

(b) Does not arise.

Benefit to Farmers from Small Farmer Development Agency

*171. SHRI DHARAM VIR VASISHT): Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers benefited State-wise and the nature of benefit received under the Small Farmers Development Agency (SFDA) during the Fourth Plan period; and

(b) the position of subsidiary occupation programmes in the same context?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). A statement indicating the number of beneficiaries covered state-wise, during the Fourth Plan under the Small Farmers

Development Agency (SFDA) and Marginal Farmers and Agricultural Labourers Agency (MFAL) programme is enclosed. The identified participants were extended benefits under the programmes like adoption of High Yielding Varieties and Multiple Cropping, Input-subsidy, Demonstrations, Horticulture, Soil Conservation, Land Development, Minor Irrigation and subsidiary occupation like dairy, poultry piggery, sheep and goat rearing and pisciculture, Rural artisans and Rural works. The programme of rural works was implemented for marginal farmers and agricultural labourers only by the Marginal Farmers and Agricultural Labourers (MFAL) Agencies to provide them off season wage employment. The resources for the programme were made available to the participants in the shape of subsidy (25 per cent to Small Farmers and 33-1/3 per cent to Marginal Farmers and Agricultural Labourers) and the balance amount as loan from institutional sources. The rate of subsidy for Community Minor Irrigation programme was 50 per cent, so as to promote group activity among weaker sections. The Agencies also provided interest free share capital loan for enrolment of identified Small/Marginal farmers and agricultural labourers as members of cooperatives enable them to borrow from cooperative societies.

Subsidiary occupations constituted one of the important component of programmes implemented by the Agencies. Marginal farmers and agricultural labourers received priority under subsidiary occupations. Such programmes were taken up in compact areas having necessary infrastructure for collection and marketing of animal products like milk, eggs, etc.

Statement**Beneficiaries Under Small Farmers Development Agency/Marginal Farmers and Agricultural Labourers Agency During the IV Plan Period.**

S.No.	State/U.Ts.	Total No. of Beneficiaries			No. of Beneficiaries under subsidiary occupations		
		SFDA	MFAL	TOTAL	SFDA	MFAL	TOTAL
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Andhra Pradesh	51,816	26,509	78,325	3,580	2,310	5,890
2	Assam	27,792	7,271	35,063	62	17	79
3	Bihar	2,25,945	93,455	3,19,400	1,560	832	2,392
4	Gujarat	54,444	37,774	92,218	7,977	2,399	9,776
5	Haryana	98,377	49,758	1,42,135	5,153	5,643	10,796
6	Himachal Pradesh	31,671	16,573	48,244	717	663	1,380
7	Jammu & Kashmir	76,779	5,915	82,694	990	828	1,818
8	Karnataka	1,25,006	46,597	1,71,543	2,492	9,745	6,177
9	Kerala	24,356	36,156	60,512	1,028	70	1,097
10	Madhya Pradesh	87,389	34,928	1,22,317	565	1,143	1,708
11	Maharashtra	59,871	14,626	74,497	2,167	1,070	4,737
12	Maupui	—	6,066	6,066	—	1,089	1,089
13	Meghalaya	—	7,283	7,283	—	322	322
14	Nagaland	58,796	—	58,796	1,123	—	1,123
15	Orissa	63,271	41,091	1,04,362	3,125	2,449	5,574
16	Punjab	20,886	25,060	45,946	2,108	5,561	7,669
17	Rajasthan	47,113	40,816	87,929	1,594	2,955	4,549
18	Tamil Nadu	1,10,487	49,147	1,59,634	10,730	9,257	19,987
19	Tripura	—	5,555	5,555	—	43	43
20	Uttar Pradesh	1,69,580	42,680	2,12,260	9,144	2,612	11,656
21	West Bengal	2,23,14	18,029	4,09,343	173	418	591
22	Delhi	—	1,371	1,371	—	861	863
23	Goa Daman Diu	—	8,580	8,580	—	686	686
24	Pondicherry	—	4,712	4,712	—	2,627	2,623
Total :		13,46,895	6,13,912	19,60,807	7,743	47,667	543