

developed for the protection of RCC structures for application in the fertilizer industry. New plastic products like plastic pipes, water storage tanks, plastic composite panels roof lighting sheets etc. are being tested and evaluated by CSIR laboratories to assess their suitability as cost effective replacements for corresponding conventional products using cement, steel and wood.

(c) Indian Farmers' Fertilizers Co-operative (IFFCO), Phulpur is testing the efficacy of the anti corrosive treatment for the protection of RCC structures.

Plastic pipe manufacturers and water storage tank manufacturers are utilising the testing and evaluation facilities of CSIR Laboratories for their new products.

#### **Inclusion of Agnikulashatriya (Palli) in Scheduled Tribes List**

3945. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have recommended the inclusion of Agnikulashatriya (Palli) in Scheduled Tribes List ;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any decision in the matter ; and

(c) if not, the likely date by which the Union Government propose to bring forward legislation to facilitate inclusion of Agnikulashatriya (Palli) Community of Andhra Pradesh in the list of Scheduled Tribes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI) : (a) The recommendations of Government of Andhra Pradesh cannot be disclosed in the public interest.

(b) and (c) The various proposals received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh are being examined along with similar other proposals and a final view in the matter would be taken soon.

Further, any amendment in the existing list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes can be done only through an Act of Parliament in view of Articles 341(2)

and 342(2) of the Constitution. In view of this, no time limit can be specified at this stage.

#### **Land Army**

3946. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to raise a land army of three million people in the current Plan period ;

(b) whether any plans have been made to tackle acute poverty and joblessness in the country ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) There is no such proposal at present in the Central Plan Sector.

(b) and (c). The Central element in the development strategy of the Seventh Plan is the generation of productive employment. In addition to sectoral investments which would result in expansion of employment opportunities, there has been in operation three major poverty alleviation programmes, namely the National Rural Employment Programme (NREP), the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) and the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) to tackle the problem of unemployment and under-employment in rural areas with special focus on persons living below the poverty line. Besides, there are two schemes, namely, Scheme for providing Self-employment to the Educated Unemployed Youth and Self-Employment Programme for Urban Poor (SEPUP).

#### **Industrial Contribution to Domestic Income in Punjab**

3947. SHRI P. PENCHALLIAH : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the industrial contribution in 1986-87 to the net domestic income in