

(b) So far SAIL has covered their part requirements by concluding contracts with Australian and Polish suppliers. Payments to Australian suppliers are of free foreign exchange; the contract with the Polish supplier is under the Indo-Polish Trade and Payments Agreement (1986-90) with payment in non-convertible Indian rupees.

TISCO purchases are likely to be from Australia under free foreign exchange.

(c) It is not possible at this stage to indicate the countries or suppliers from whom purchases may be made under long-term contracts because SAIL have issued a notice inviting applications from overseas coal suppliers/producers for pre-qualifications as short-term/long-term suppliers of coking coal and the last date for receipt of applications is 11th August, 1986.

(d) All coking coals offered by Coal India Ltd. (CIL) after due testing at Central Fuel Research Institute/or Research & Development Centre for Iron & Steel of SAIL are being accepted by SAIL if found suitable for metallurgical use for steel plants.

#### Export of Cattlefeed

3470. SHRI MANIK REDDY : Will

the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of animal cattlefeed exported during the last three years, year-wise and country-wise and the amount earned therefrom ;

(b) the total production/availability of animal feeds in the country :

(c) whether the feeds are sufficient for our livestock and only surpluses are being exported ;

(d) whether these exports are in accordance with professional advice and assessment ; and

(e) whether export of cattlefeed to Europe is being campaigned against in Europe and if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The details of exports of the main animal/cattlefeed item, namely, "oilcake and other residues (except dregs) resulting from the extraction of vegetable oils" as available are set out below :

Quantity : in Thousand tonnes  
Value : in Rs. lakhs.

	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84
Quantity	824	1210	979
Value	11785.20	14859.06	15158.13

Major countries to which this animal feed item was exported included Czechoslovakia, the Netherlands, Poland, Thailand, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Malaysia, Singapore, Romania, German Democratic Republic, Denmark, Federal Republic of Germany.

(b) The production of de-oiled cakes was of the order of 23.7 lakh tonnes in 1983, 25.5 lakh tonnes in 1984 and 25.1 lakh tonnes in 1985.

(c) It is difficult to estimate precisely the quantum of surpluses of animal feeds for export in view of the problems in assessing the exact requirement of the Animal Husbandry sector and the availability. However, most of the animal feed items are allowed for exports only within ceilings.

(d) No study/survey has been conducted in the recent past. However, technical

opinion is taken into account in formulating the export policy ; and

(e) The export of cattlefeed item like de-oiled groundnut cakes to European countries has suffered a set-back in recent years on account of the stringent quality standards stipulated by the importing countries in regard to the permissible level of aflatoxin etc.

[*Translation*]

#### Losses Due to Floods in Bihar

3471. SHRI KUNWAR RAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether floods in various districts of Bihar have resulted in destruction of paddy seedlings and delay in sowing operation of paddy a few other places ;

(b) if so, the population affected by floods ;

(c) the arrangements made by Bihar Government to provide relief to them ; and

(d) the amount of assistance demanded by State from Centre for flood relief ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) According to the latest report received from the State Government of Bihar, cropped area to the extent of 1.46 lakh ha. has been affected in the State due to floods/heavy rains during the current monsoon. The seedlings have been damaged in the paddy nurseries where water had stagnated, resulting in delay in transplantation to some extent.

(b) 24.08 lakh population is reported to have been affected due to floods/heavy rains as per information received from the State Government.

(c) The Government of Bihar have taken necessary relief and rescue measures

in the affected areas. According to the report dated 2-8-1986 received from the Government of Bihar, 1522 Boats have been put into service for rescue operations. Further 14187 Qtls. of foodgrains have been distributed by Government of Bihar to the affected population.

(d) No memorandum seeking Central assistance has been received so far. The State Government has margin money of Rs. 33.75 crores (equally shared by the State and Central Government) at their disposal for meeting expenditure necessitated by natural calamities.

[*English*]

#### Vehicles for Poverty Alleviation Programme

3472. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Victims of Poverty Alleviation' appearing in Economic and Political Weekly dated 12 July, 1986 regarding Rs. 6 million project for vehicles ;

(b) if so, the amount given as loan and the number of rural and urban beneficiaries per year since the inception of the programme ;

(c) the number of vehicles purchased, old and new separately, each year and the competent authority which passed the vehicles ;

(d) how long the vehicles were operated and whether any check was made to see if the vehicles were not operating under benami, if so, with what results and if not, the reasons thereof ; and

(e) the total loss to Government under the project and how much loan has been written off so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV) :