

**Cut in Production of Steel Plants**

10199. SHRI BIMALKANTI GHOSH:  
Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Sector Steel Plants have cut down their production;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the supply position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) SAIL propose to increase its crude steel production from 7.48 million tonnes in 1987-88 to 8.94 million tonnes in 1988-89. This will contribute substantially to an improvement in the supply position.

**Assistance to Develop Pilgrim Centre in West Bengal**

10200. SHRI BIMALKANTI GHOSH:  
Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assistance had been provided to West Bengal for development of any pilgrim centre during 1986-87 and 1987-88;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any quota allotment would be made in the Eighth Plan period for the development of tourist places and pilgrim centres in West Bengal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIGIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the construction of Yatrikas at Gangasagar and Mayapur, at an estimated cost of about Rs.18.00 lakhs and Rs.12.00 lakhs respectively. The construction is being executed through Bharatiya Yatri Avas Vikas Samiti, who have been advanced Rs.5.00 lakhs for Gangasagar and Rs.8.00 lakhs for Mayapur, for the purpose, during 1987-88.

(c) and (d). Allotment of funds is not made on State-wise basis.

**Plan Outlay for Rural Development and Food Security**

10201. SHRI BIMALKANTI GHOSH:  
DR. V. VENKATESH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total Seventh Plan outlay for agriculture and rural development;

(b) whether stress has been laid on building an expanded system of food security in the Plan outlay for agriculture; and

(c) if so, the broad features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The Public Sector Seventh Plan outlays for agriculture and rural development are given below:—

| <i>Head</i>       | <i>Centre</i> | <i>States and UTs</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Agriculture       | 4056.71       | 6516.91               | 10573.62     |
| Rural Development | 6166.81       | 6512.32               | 12679.13     |

(b) and (c). The Plan outlays give sufficient stress on building food and security system in the country. The broad features of the system of food security are: building grain reserves, social security, nutrition education, stability of prices, etc.

### **FAO Call to Deal with Locusts**

10202. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU:  
SHRI S.B. SIDNAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the food and Agriculture Organisation has called for swift and decisive action to deal with the plague of locusts which threatens to cause major food crisis in various parts of the world;

(b) whether the FAO has also cautioned India in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Though India has not been specifically cautioned by the FAO against locusts invasion, the Locust Warning Organisation under the Ministry of Agriculture is keeping constant vigilance on locust activity in the scheduled desert area. It is also maintaining contact with Desert Locust Organisa-

tion of FAO Pakistan so as to have the latest report on locust activity and to be ready to take preventive steps in case of any swarm attack from across the border. The locust control potential in terms of man-power, vehicles, aircraft and insecticides are being kept in readiness. The State Governments of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Haryana and Punjab have also been alerted about the impending locust threat. A contingency Anti-locust Plan for the deployment of men and material at various strategic locations has been drawn up to tackle any emergent situation.

### **U.N.C.H.S.Assistance for Housing**

10203. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU:

SHRI V. TULSIRAM:  
SHRI A.J.V.B. MAHESH-  
WARA RAO:  
SHRI R.M. BHOYE:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a session of the United National Commission on Human Settlement was held recently in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the delegates who attended the session;

(c) the details of the topics discussed and conclusions arrived at; and

(d) the extent to which necessary funds will be made available to India by the United Nations Commission on Human Settlements for housing?