

<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?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Over 450 delegates/ observers representing 48 member States, 36 observer States, 12 United Nations Bodies, 3 Inter-Governmental Organisations, 3 liberation Organisations and 39 Non-Governmental Organisations attended the Session.

(c) "Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000" was the theme of the Session. In its draft resolution, recommended for adoption by the U.N. General Assembly through the Economic & Social Council, the Commission decided that the main objective of Global Shelter Strategy will be to facilitate adequate shelter for all by the year 2000 and the main focus will be to improve the situation of the disadvantaged and poor. The commission also urged the National Governments to develop their own appropriate national and sub-national strategies for shelter in the light of the guidelines provided by the Executive Director in his report to the Commission.

(d) The United Nations Commission on Human Settlements does not provide funds for housing.

Exports By Kudremukh Iron Ore Company

10204. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kudremukh Iron Ore company has increased its exports during 1987-88;

(b) to what extent, the iron ore concentrate and pellets were exported;

(c) what was the percentage of increase

over the performance of the previous years; and

(d) what are the steps being taken to improve the exports of Kudremukh units during 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited exported 3.18 million tonnes of iron ore concentrate and 0.79 million tonnes of pellets during 1987-88.

(c) Exports in 1987-88 were higher than in previous 2 years as follows:—

13% higher in quantity and 25% higher in value than in 1986-87.

93% higher in quantity and 102% higher in value in 1985-86.

(d) A well planned and aggressive marketing strategy is being adopted as a result of which export orders totalling 5 million tonnes have already been booked for 1988-89.

Decline in Steel Production

10205. SHRI SOMNATH RATH:
CHAUDHARY RAM PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for production of steel by 2000 AD;

(b) whether with the present production trend it would be possible to achieve the target fixed;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and