

does not arise.

[*English*]

Insurance for Banana Plantations

10235. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) whether the farmers who raise Banana plantations in coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh are subjected to serious losses due to cyclones;

(b) if so, whether the General Insurance Corporation has formulated crop insurance scheme to cover Banana plantations;

(c) whether the scheme is being implemented;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a). Damage of banana and banana plants in Guntur, Krishna and east Godavari Districts of Andhra Pradesh due to cyclones/heavy rains in October-November, 1987 was reported.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

(e) Due to heavy losses it has been decided to acquire more experience in implementing the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme before extending its coverage to other crops.

Water Requirement of VSP

10236. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO:
SHRI B.B. RAMAIAH:

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

(a) the daily water requirements of the Visakhapatnam Steel plant;

(b) the latest-stage of the Yeleru canal which has to supply water from Yeleru Reservoir to the steel plant;

(c) the reasons for the delay in the completion of this canal; and

(d) the likely date by which water from this canal will be made available to the steel plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a). 73 million gallons per day at the stage of full capacity utilisation.

(b) The most critical part of the canal is the 2000- metre long tunnel. Only about 600 metres of tunnel work has so far been done.

(c) Poor mobilisation by the contracting agencies has been the main reason for delay.

(d) December, 1988 as per the latest indication given by the Andhra Pradesh Government.

[*Translation*]

Inferior quality of wheat and rice in D.I.Z. Area Ration Shops

10237. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI: Will