

(a) the various kinds of plantation programmes undertaken by Government in the Central Sector;

(b) the area covered under the Centrally sponsored plantation programmes in Orissa during 1988;

(c) whether there is a need to increase the planting of high value economic species like teak, bamboo, plywood tree etc.;

(d) if so, the steps taken in this direction in Orissa; and

(e) the details of the experiments proposed to be made in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI): (a) Tree planting programmes are being supported under a number of Central sector/Centrally sponsored schemes such as National Rural Employment Programme, Rural Labour Employment Guarantee Programme, Drought Prone Areas Programme, Desert Development Programme, Reclamation of Ravinous Areas, Minor Forest Produce Plantations, Soil, Water and Tree Conservation in the Himalayas, Rural Fuelwood Plantations, Silviculture and Seed Development, Decentralised Peoples Nurseries, Grants-in-Aid to Voluntary Agencies, etc.

(b) The total area covered under all afforestation activities in Orissa during 1988-89 (upto December 88) is about 1.38 lakhs hectares. Out of this, the coverage under the Central schemes is expected to be about 34,400 hectares.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). Plantations of species like Teak, Bamboo and species which yield plywood are being done under Central/State sector schemes, subject to availability of

resources and factors like site suitability.

Position of Food Stock

58. DR. C.P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the present stock position of different food grains available in the country;

(b) whether the stock is enough to meet the requirement of flood and drought affected States of the country; and

(c) the different items of foodgrains supplied to Bihar during the last three months?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA): (a) The stock position of foodgrains with the public agencies as on 1st January, 1989 was estimated at 9.48 million tonnes.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The offtake of wheat and rice from the Central Pool during the last three months has been as under:

	<i>(In '000 Tonnes)</i>	
	<i>Wheat</i>	<i>Rice</i>
November, 1988	41.4	2.4
December, 1988	56.1	2.3
January, 1989	51.0	5.2

Vacant Posts of Staff Nurses in Hospitals

59. SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA:
SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH
MALIK:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: