

**HUDCO's assistance to Lakshdweep for development of houses for weaker sections**

9503. SHRI P. M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that HUDCO has not so far provided any help and assistance to the Union Territory of Lakshdweep for development of houses to the weaker sections of the people in the territory;

(b) if so, whether there are many other territories where the organisations had not so far provided any help;

(c) what are the main reasons for not providing any help to the Union territory of Lakshdweep;

(d) whether many people in the territory are without any houses; and

(e) if so, whether his Ministry have initiated any move to help the people there to build houses and how much will be provided for house building in the territory during 1982?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-  
TARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND  
HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN  
SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Housing Agencies in the Union territories of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Dadra and Nagar Haveli have also not availed of HUDCO financial assistance so far.

(c) to (e). In spite of HUDCO's continuous efforts for getting schemes generated from Lakshdweep, by taking up with the Lakshdweep Administration the possibilities of availing HUDCO financial assistance for various Housing Schemes, the Lakshdweep Administration has indicated that it has its own schemes for giving financial assistance for the construction of houses and hence HUDCO assistance is not necessary. The Central Government has no information about the

number of people without houses in Lakshdweep. Approved out lay for housing in the Annual Plan 1982-83 for Lakshdweep is Rs. 20.00 lakhs.

**Project "Coast Cannel Sweet Water Re-charging"**

9504. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India considered in 1978 the different prospects of a project known as "Coast cannel sweet water recharging" along the Orissa Coast Cannel in the district in the district of Midnapore in West Bengal;

(b) whether it is a fact that a team of experts of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research visited Contai in the district of Midnapore, West Bengal in 1978 to evaluate the different aspects of the project; and

(c) if so, the details of the said project and the latest position thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V.  
SWAMINATHAN): (a) No, Sir. As far as the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is concerned, no such proposal had been received for consideration.

(b) Yes, Sir. A team of ICAR scientists from three Institutes namely, Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute Barrackpore, Central Plantation Crops Research Institute Kasargod, Central Soil Salinity Research Institute, Karnal, ICAR Headquarters, New Delhi, Joint Director of Agriculture, West Bengal and Professor and Head, Division of Agronomy, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswa Vidyalaya, Kalyani visited the Contai sub-division of West Bengal from 1-4 December, 1978. The team had observed that Contai sub-division had great potential for stepping up agricultural pro-