

Renigunta in Chittoor District has been received from the Andhra Pradesh Government on 24.4.1972 and is under the consideration of the Government.

**Establishment of Agro-service Centres during 1972-73**

4553. SHRI P. NARASIMHA REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the number of Agro-Service Centres proposed to be started during the year 1972-73 and their location ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : It is proposed to establish 1,000 Agro-Service Centres during 1972-73. These Centres are being established by un-employed technical personnel, with the financial help of banking institutions and the guidance of the State Agro-Industries Corporations/State Governments. The location of these Centres will be decided by them

**Request from Andhra Pradesh for Assistance to Milk Processing Plant at Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh**

4554. SHRI P. NARASIMHA REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought approval and assistance for developing the Milk Processing Plant at Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh to undertake the production of milk powder ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Free Ration to Villagers in Kargil due to Famine Conditions**

4555. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether free rations have been arranged for the villagers in the villages which

were liberated by Indian forces in Kargil area recently, due to the famine conditions prevailing there ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof and the steps taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) and (b). The State Government has intimated that there is no population in such area in the Kargil sector. The question, therefore, does not arise.

**Setting up of Mechanised Brick and Cellular Concrete Plants by N.B.O.**

4556. SHRI C. CHITTIRABU : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the techno-economic feasibility studies for the establishment of mechanised brick plants, sand-lime brick plants and cellular concrete plants have been completed by the National Building Organisation and if so, the action taken by Government on the studies completed so far ;

(b) whether the preliminary project proposal for sand-lime brick plant to produce 10-20 million bricks has been finalised ; and

(c) if so, when and where this project will be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, The N.B.O. has been conducting techno-economic feasibility studies for establishing brick plants, sand-lime brick plants and cellular concrete plants. Based on these reports, one Mechanised Brick Plant was established at Delhi by the National Buildings Construction Corporation Ltd. in 1967, One cellular concrete plant has been put up at Ennore which is on trial production at present. Techno-economic feasibility report for setting up a brick plant at Bangalore was also completed by the N.B.O. and the Mysore Housing Board has obtained the Import Licence for the machinery and equipment which are not indigenously available and are processing the matter further.

(b) and (c). Yes. The preliminary project proposal for production of sand-lime bricks