

as also to other State Governments for various State sector schemes, including housing, was given in the form of 'block loans' and 'block grants' without being tied to any specific scheme or head of development. The State Government was free to determine the amounts they liked to allocate out of the block Central assistance for implementation of any of State sector schemes, according to their requirements and priorities. Consequently the Physical targets for all the housing schemes included in the State sector during the Fourth Plan were to be determined by the Government of Orissa themselves. Based on the information supplied by the Government of Orissa, the target for construction of houses under the various social housing schemes during the Fourth Plan was 6642 against which the likely achievement would be 5741 houses. In addition, the State Government have utilised special L.I.C. non-Plan loan for construction of about 2600 houses.

2. As regards the two Central sector schemes mentioned above, the Subsidised Housing Scheme for Plantation Workers is not implemented in Orissa. Under the Scheme for Provision of House-sites to Landless Workers in Rural Areas, which was introduced in October, 1971, projects for provision of 3349 house-sites, involving Central assistance of Rs. 8.40 lakhs, were approved during the 4th Plan. The State Government could not implement the projects as they were not able to complete the family-wise survey to determine the number of landless workers in rural areas, covered by the Scheme.

**TARGET OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES
EXTENDED TO ORISSA DURING
FOURTH PLAN**

5997. SHRI BANAMALI BABU :
Will the Minister of EDUCATION,
SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE
be pleased to state :

(a) whether the target of educational facilities extended to Orissa State during the Fourth Five Year Plan has been fully achieved; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons for the same ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE
(SHRI D. P. YADAV) :** (a) and
(b). The information is being collected from the State Government and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

**VISIT OF SOVIET AGRICULTURAL DELEGATION
FOR AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURE**

5998. SHRI BANAMALI BABU :

SHRI Y. ESWARA REDDY :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state :

(a) whether Soviet Agricultural team visited India in March, 1974 to discuss and sign protocol on further cooperation between the two countries on Agriculture; and

(b) if so, the nature of discussions held with the delegation and what is the outcome ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) :**
(a) Yes, Sir. A team of six Soviet Experts arrived in India on 11th March, 1974, to discuss with the Government of India possibilities of Soviet assistance on setting up projects on sheep breeding, goat breeding and sugarbeet cultivation.

(b) The Gist of discussions is contained in the statement attached.

STATEMENT

The Soviet experts got acquainted with the areas of sheep and goat breeding during their visit to the Sheep Breeding Farm being built near Sikar, the Artificial Insemination Centre near Jaipur, the Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute at Malpura, Rajasthan, the area proposed for Sheep Breeding Farm at Bhaishora in Uttar Pradesh, Dachigam and Duksam Sheep Breeding Farms, Sheep Breeding Centres at Desu, Ahlan-godol in Jammu & Kashmir and also visited experimental fields for sugarbeet cultivation of the Research Centres and