

Agro-service Centres in West Bengal and Maharashtra and employment provided to unemployed engineers

7682. SHRI LUTFAL HAQUE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Agro-Service Centres in West Bengal and Maharashtra and the location of each centres in these States; and

(b) the number of persons provided with self-employment from amongst the young unemployed engineers and other technical personnel under this scheme in these Centres, Centre-wise, during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE):

(a) and (b). 148 Agro-Service Centres have been set up in West Bengal and 45 centres in Maharashtra, Necessary information in regard to the location of these centres and the number of persons provided with self-employment from amongst the young unemployed engineers and other technical personnel under this scheme is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Outlay on drought prone area programme for Fifth Plan

7683. SHRI LUTFAL HAQUE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total outlay for drought-prone area programme for the fifth five year plan period;

(b) whether 54 Districts have been selected as chronically drought-prone Districts and if so name of the Districts, State-wise and the amount sanctioned during fourth five year plan period in these Districts, State-wise; and

(c) allocation for 1974-75 in the programme, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI B. P. MAURYA): (a) Rs. 187 crores (including Rs. 20 crores for special Minor Irrigation Schemes).

(b) 54 districts together with contiguous areas in another 18 districts have been identified as chronically drought affected. The names of the districts are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-6785/74]. No district-wise amount was sanctioned to the States during the Fourth Five Year Plan. An amount of Rs. 8488 crores has been sanctioned to programme States since the inception of the programme and its State-wise break-up is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-6785/74].

(c) A budget provision of Rs. 22 crores has been made for the year 1974-75. The allocation to a State has to be matched by an equal amount from the State Government. According to the provision made in the annual plan for 1974-75 of the State Governments, the States may get the amounts indicated in annexure III. However actual releases to the States will depend upon the expenditure incurred.

Classification of "Priyadarshini" as a ship

7684. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) who are the owners of the Barge afloat Bombay dock for ore loading, "Priyadarshini", which was built in Japan;

(b) when and who brought it to India;