

**Social Welfare Schemes in Tamil Nadu**

116. SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether schemes for social welfare in the State of Tamil Nadu during the Fifth Five Year Plan have not yet been started;

(b) if so, what were the schemes that were to be undertaken in the State during the Fifth Five Year Plan;

(c) the reasons for not implementing the same and when the same are likely to be undertaken; and

(d) what were the allotments made to the State for the purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

**Workers facing difficulties due to restrictions on use of Cement and Steel in construction**

117. SHRI GAJADHAR MAJHI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to the restrictions on the use of cement and steel in the construction of Residential and Commercial houses, a number of workers have to face difficulties; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) and (b). Government have imposed restrictions on the use of cement in the construction of certain categories of buildings for a

period of one year. Low priority is to be given for the issue of steel also for these buildings. This has been done to conserve cement and steel for making it available for priority sector and for meeting exports requirement and also to contain the general inflationary trend in the country. Government have advised the use of local materials to the extent possible so that the construction activity and the workers do not suffer.

**Production of Vanaspati by D.C.M. and Ganesh Flour Mills**

118. SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VARMA:

SHRI LALJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of Vanaspati by the Delhi Cloth Mills and the Ganesh Flour Mills have gone down considerably during the month of September, 1974 causing an acute shortage in the Capital; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereof and the necessary steps proposed to be taken by the Government to step up the production to meet the demand of the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. However a steep fall in the production of vanaspati during September, 1974 and the resultant shortage was a common feature all over the country and not confined to Delhi.

(b) This was due to the non-availability of raw oils during that month at economic prices. With the progressive arrival of the new groundnut crop in the market, there was a marked increase in the production of vanaspati during October, and the position during November is expected to be still easier.