

abolition of contract and temporary system of labour in TELCO, Jamshedpur ;

(b) if so, action taken on the memorandum ; and

(c) if no action has been taken the reasons therefor ?

**THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI D. SANJIVAYYA) :** (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). The matter falls in the State sphere. The representation was passed on to the State Government for appropriate action.

#### **Distribution of Land Received in Bhoodan Movement**

5147. **SHRI M. SUDARSANAM :** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total land received in Bhoodan Movement in the various States ; and

(b) how much of it has been distributed and in what manner ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) :** (a) 1,691,019 Hectares.

(b) 476,048 Hectares have been distributed to 461,681 families. 750,096 Hectares are not considered fit for cultivation and distribution to landless persons.

Bhoodan is a non-official voluntary movement for donation and distribution of land organised under the leadership of Shri Vinoba Bhave based on Sarvodaya ideals. The distribution of land is done by the Bhoodan workers generally at the meetings of the villages where applications of the landless persons for allotment of land are considered. The selection of the allottees is done by unanimous or near unanimous approval of the village community as a whole.

#### **Setting up of Vegetable Oil and Vanaspati Ghee Factories in Public Sector**

5148. **SHRI N. R. DEOGHARE :** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration to set up a Vegetable Oil and Vanaspati Ghee factory in the public sector in the country ;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) :** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise,

(c) There is already adequate capacity in the country in both these industries.

#### **Opening of a Post Office in Gaganpur Chakai, Chandramandi etc in Bihar**

5149. **SHRI MADHU LIMAYE :** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received a representation from a Member of Parliament about the closing down of a Post Office in the Gaganpur-Bongi area of Jamui Sub-Division of Monghyr District in Bihar ;

(b) whether this area is very backward and is at present in the grip of an unprecedented famine ;

(c) whether it is the policy of Government to open up backward area by providing Post and Telegraph Offices and Telephone facilities ;

(d) if so, the reasons for closing down the above Dak Ghar ; and

(e) whether Government will re-open the said Dak Ghar and establish other Dak