

have to help rehabilitation of this maligned tribal group?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b). The information is being collected from the State Government of Rajasthan and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Erosion in River Ganga in West Bengal

2321. **PROF. SATYAGOPAL MISRA:** Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether large scale erosion in different portions of the river Ganga has made thousands of people of West Bengal landless and homeless;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) to (c). About 160 hectares of land and 100 families have been affected in Murshidabad and Malda districts. Measures to check the erosion are taken by State Government.

Sericulture Development in Orissa

2322. **SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:** Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great scope for increased sericulture in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps proposed to be taken in Eighth Plan in Orissa in that direction;

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND

MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to supplement the efforts of the state Government for development of sericulture in Orissa, the following sericulture schemes are being implemented by the Central Silk Board during the VIIIth Plan.

- (1) **National Sericulture Project:** The Project envisages increase of an area of 4000 acres under mulberry for production of 120 tonnes of silk in the state at the end of the Project period 1993-94. The project also envisages development of supporting infrastructure in Orissa.
- (2) **Inter State Tasar Project (ISTP)** based on the success of ISTP in the State, a consolidation phase of ISTP having an outlay of Rs 451.50 lakhs has been drawn for the state of Orissa for implementation with Swiss assistance during the VIII Plan.
- (3) A farmers training school is to be established in Orissa for the benefit of sericulture farmers.

Atrocities on Scheduled Castes

2323. **SHRIMATI CHENNUPATI VIDYA:**
SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY.
PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:
SHRI RAM LAL RAHI:
SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYA SADUL:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have