

[English]

Landless Persons Engaged In Agricultural Activities

7268. SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of landless person engaged in agricultural activities;
- (b) the number of agriculturists having upto one hectare of land in India; and
- (c) the measures proposed to be taken to ameliorate the lot of these two categories of people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) According to the Survey on 'Consumer Expenditure and employment & Unemployment' conducted by the National Sample Survey in their 38th Round (Jan-Dec.1983) it is estimated that there were 29.76 lakh households in the rural areas possessing less than 0.01 acre of land (with or without owned home-stead) among 'households self-employed in agriculture' and 'agricultural labour households.'

(b) According to the provisional results of Agricultural Census, 1985-86, the number of operational holders having below 1 ha of land was 567.5 lakh in India

(c) Programmes to ameliorate the lot of rural families, whose annual income from all sources is less than 4800 are already being implemented under the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP). Out of 29.09 lakh families who were to be assisted during 1989-90, upto the end of February, 1990, 29 lakh families have been assisted. During this period Rs. 58425.44 lakhs have

been utilised and term credit of the order of Rs. 95916.84 lakhs have been

S.T.D. Facility In Chickmagalur District In Karnataka

7269. SHRI D.M. PUTTEE GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the plans of Government to provide STD facility in Chickmagalur District in Karnataka State;
- (b) whether government has any proposals in Eighth Plan to bring more Exchanges under STD; and
- (c) if so, details and the number of lines fixed as ceiling for taking up STD in Chickmagalur District?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b). Sringeri, Tarikere, Kadur, Koppa, Mudigera, N.R. Pura and Kemmanagundi, are planned to be progressively provided with STD facility during the 8th plan period

(c) It is proposed to adopt the following priorities for providing STD facility during the 8th plan period:

- (i) Sub-divisional headquarters equivalent Tehsil/Block Development headquarters.
- (ii) Telephone Exchanges of capacity 500 lines and above as on 1.4.90.
- (iii) Tourist centres, Industrial growth centres and Pilgrim centres.
- (iv) Other exchanges subject to feasibility.