

smooth operation of the Farakka Barrage as envisaged in the Second Revised Estimate made in 1987; and

(b) if so, the details of the new works to be undertaken alongwith the estimated cost liabilities thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b). A provision of about Rs. 44 crores has been made in the Second revised estimate for the bank protection works that may be required to restore damages caused due to severe floods.

**Hospital for Beedi Workers at Midnapore (West Bengal)**

6552. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a hospital for beedi workers in Midnapore District, West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Under beedi Workers Welfare Fund 11 dispensaries and one Chest Clinic have been set up in West Bengal. It has also been decided to set up a 50 bedded hospital at Dhuliyani in Murshidabad District.

**Housing for Coir Workers in Kerala**

6553. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be

pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have received a scheme, for Housing for coir workers from Government of Kerala for subsidy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c). The Government of Kerala has informed that no request for Central Government subsidy for housing for coir workers has been sent to the Union Government.

**Agro-Based Industries in Rural Areas**

6554. SHRI PARASRAMBHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to locate agro-based industries in rural areas as being close to the sources of raw materials which could generate employment, raise income and check migration to urban areas;

(b) if so, whether any assessment has been made regarding potential in the food processing industries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER FOR TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c). Ministry of Food Processing Industries have formulated certain Plan Schemes for 1990-91 for the development of food processing industries. Various studies are conducted from time to time for development of different sectors of food processing industries including fruit and vegetable process-