

[22 December, 1999]

RAJYA SABHA

Dwelling units in cyclone affected Orissa

2271. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dwelling units proposed to be constructed in the cyclone affected districts in Orissa; and

(b) the number and details of dwelling units already constructed, as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) As per the information received from the Government of Orissa, 25,601 number of dwelling units are proposed to be constructed in the cyclone affected districts in Orissa under Indira Awaas Yojana from the normal allocation. In addition to this, State Government has requested Government of India to sanction 2.50 lakh number of additional houses under Indira Awaas Yojana.

(b) As per information received from the Government of Orissa, the number of dwelling units already constructed as on October '99 out of normal allotment is 11686 houses.

Decline of Production in NJMC

2272. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether production in NJMC mills has been stopped due to non-availability of raw jute;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to resume production, including procurement of jute through JCI;

(c) if not, the actual status;

(d) whether NJMC management has given notice for lay off; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor, when the company is still under reference to BIFR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The production in NJMC mills has been temporarily stopped recently due to non-availability of raw jute. The situation has arisen on account of the financial crisis faced by NJMC, due to which it has not been able to pay the dues of Jute Corporation of India and other suppliers towards purchase of jute, resulting in stoppage of supplies of raw jute. The Corporation has already paid dues for raw jute to JCI upto July '99. Negotiation is on with JCI and others to resume supply of raw jute to run the mills of NJMC.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.