

The DDA has further reported that the total area of land under the Asian Games Village Complex is 135 acres. The land was acquired by the Delhi Administration and placed at the disposal of DDA for the planned development of Delhi.

(b) The DDA has reported that no expenditure was incurred by it solely for the purpose of beautification.

Promotion of SC/ST Persons

*387. SHRI PANDURANG DHARMAJI JADHAV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and categories of persons promoted in his Ministry during the last three years;

(b) the number of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Officers and staff promoted in his Ministry during that period;

(c) whether his Ministry have filled up backlog of vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in all the groups; and

(d) if not, by when the backlog of vacancies reserved for SC/ST is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI HARI NATH MISHRA): (a) and (b) A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix CXXV, Annexure No. 121.]

(c) No, Sir A statement (See below) showing the number of vacancies carried forward is placed on the Table of the House.

(d) The backlog will be cleared on the availability of eligible SC/ST candidates.

Statement

*Number of reserved vacancies carried forward
(Group-wise)*

GROUP 'A' NIL

GROUP 'B' 9

GROUP 'C' 5

GROUP 'D' NIL

TOTAL 14

Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute in the South

*388. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that at Bellary and Bijapur in the South chances for expending activities of the Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute are very bright;

(b) if so, what is Government's plan to promote the interests of shepherds of South India; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to consult the Director and other experts in the field of Sheep and Wool Development to open another Sheep and Wool Research Institute in the South?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH):

(a) The Government of India/Indian Council of Agricultural Research are considering the possibility of starting a Southern Regional Research Centre of the Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute (CSWRI) during the Sixth Plan period. After the proposal is finally approved, an expert committee would be set up to advise on the selection of a suitable site. Bellary and Bijapur could be considered if the State Government so proposes.

(b) Following research centres/projects located in South India are already serving the interest of Sheep