

Committee to review Rural development programme

412. SHRI DEVENDRA NATH DWIVEDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state whether Government propose to appoint a high-powered Committee to make a thorough review of the rural development programme in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

Allotment of quarters to Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha Secretariat Staff

413. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any annual special quota of quarters has been fixed for allotment to the staff of the Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha Secretariats;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what is the number of quarters allotted so far to the staff of these two Secretariats under this scheme; and

(d) what is the number of quarters of types I, II and III which are under construction at present for allotment to the Central Government employees and what will be the share of the staff of these two Secretariats out of them?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.
(d)

Type of quarters.	No. of quarters under construction.
I . . .	977
II . . .	1824
III . . .	1445

These figures include the following quarters sanctioned for construction for Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha:—

Type I . . .	32
Type II . . .	45
Type III . . .	45

The Lok Sabha Secretariat have a pool of their own. The employees of Rajya Sabha are, however, eligible for allotment from the general pool, although, in the past 40 quarters were placed at the disposal of the Rajya Sabha Secretariat for use of their key personnel. It has been provisionally decided, on the request of the Lok Sabha Secretariat, to make available to them 10 per cent of the new quarters (in type I to type IV) in D.I.Z. area, in the general pool, to the Lok Sabha Secretariat till their quota is completed, on the condition that they will return an equal number of quarters when their own quarters are ready.

Wood and forest resources for generating employment potential

414. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state.

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to develop wood and forest resources in the country for generating employment potential; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?