

the same while filing their replies at the time of second motion stage. As per these directions of the Court, a complaint has been received by the Regional Director (Northern Region) on 28.11.2011.

(c) The Department of Food & Public Distribution (Directorate of Sugar) has informed that the information on the sugar stocks kept by the sugar mill operators with the bank is not maintained by that Directorate.

Earthquake monitoring centres in Assam

2063. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Assam is under seismic zone 5 category;

(b) whether there is a branch of the Earthquake Operational Centre under the India Meteorological Department (IMD) in the State;

(c) whether Assam and other North Eastern States are covered under the National Seismological Network which has 55 centres in the country and operates under IMD; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Presently there, are seven seismic observatories functioning in Assam, located at Dhubri, Jorhat, Silchar, Lekhapani, Tezpur, Guwahati and Dibrugarh under India Meteorological Department (IMD).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Under the national seismological network seismic observatories are located at Lekhapani in Assam, Agartala in Tripura, Shillong and Tura in Meghalaya and Imphal in Manipur and Gangtok in Sikkim. Recently, all the above mentioned six observatories have been upgraded with state-of-the-art broadband systems with VSAT communication systems. In addition to the above observatories, 15 more new stations have also been established at Dhubri, Jorhat, Silchar, Tezpur, Guwahati and Dibrugarh in Assam ; Ziro, Itanagar, Tawang and Pasighat in Arunachal Pradesh; Kohima and Mokokchung in Nagaland; Belonia in Tripura; and Aizwal, Sahia in Mizoram.