17 lakhs. They have been rehabilitated in different States and a sum of Rs. 202.44 crores had been spent on their rehabilitation upto the end of 31st March, 1967. The rehabilitation assistance to them. covers many fields like rural/urban rehabilitation programmes, housing, employeducational and ment, compensation, medical facilities, etc. In order to indicate the exact nature of each of the tasks which yet remains to be completed and its approximate quantum, a comprehensive assessment of the total problem and the work already completed in different fields will have to be made. This will mean a detailed review covering the progress of rehabilitation work in different states and in different fields over a period of about 20 years and more. It is felt that it is not possible to list all this information in exact terms in reply to this question in view of the extensive field covered by the question.

Written Answers

It may be stated that the work of rehabilitation of displaced persons from West Pakistan has been almost completed. Information, however, with regard to the residual items of work in respect of them is given inter also in Part II of the Report for the year 1967-68 of the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Rehabilitation, Department of Rehabilitation, copies of which have already been circulated to the Members of Parliament and also are available in the library of Parliament. In this matter, particular attention is requested to chapters XIII and XIV of the Report.

बिहार में कृषि की भूमि का उपयोग 1269. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादय: श्री मान सिंह वर्मा: श्री एन० के० शेजवालकर:

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

- (क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार में 425 लाख एकड़ कृषि योग्य भूमि में से केवल 225 लाख एकड़ भूमि कृषि के उपयोग में लाई जा रही है और 200 लाख एकड़ कृषि योग्य भूमि बेकार पड़ी हुई है; और
- (ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार बेकार पड़ी हुई भूमि को उपयोग में लाने के लिये कोई योजना तैयार करने का विचार रखती है ?

†[Utilisation of agricultural land in Bihar

1269. SHRI J. P. YADAV: SHRI MAN SINGH VARMA: SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that out of 425 lakh acres of cultivable land in Bihar, only 225 lakh acres of land is being utilised for agriculture and 200 lakh acres of cultivable land is lying unused; and
- (b) if so, whether Government propose to prepare a plan for utilisation of the unused lands?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास और सह-कारिता मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अण्णा साहेब दिवे): (क) और (ख) बिहार सरकार से जानकारी इकट्ठी की जा रही है और यथा-शीघ्र सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) and (b) The information is being collected from the Government of Bihar and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha as soon as possible.]

पाकुड (बिहार) के पत्थर तोड़ने वाले मजदूरों को सुविधाएं

1270. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : श्री एन० के० शेजवालकर : श्री मान सिंह वर्मा :

क्या श्रम तथा पुनर्वास मंत्री यह बताने की कुपा करेगे कि :

- (क) क्या सरकार श्रम कानूनो के अधीन कुछ उपबन्ध करके पाकुड (विहार) के क्वेरी (पत्थर की खान) में काम कर रहे तीस हजार से ऊपर पत्थर तोड़ने वाले मजदूरो को खान में काम करने वाले मजदूरों की सी मुख-सुविधा प्रदान करने का विचार रखती है; और
- (ख) यदि हां, तो इन मजदूरों को क्या-क्या सुविधाएं प्रदान करने का विचार है ?

^{† []} English translation.