

During the financial year 2008-09, Ministry of Rural Development released funds amounting to Rs.421.875 lakhs as first installment to 25 District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) of Gujarat, including Patan, Banaskantha and Mehsana districts, for creation of 75 Village Haats (3 Village Haats per DRDA). Ministry of Rural Development has not received any proposal for setting up of haats in District Headquarters in Gujarat State from the Government of Gujarat.

(d) and (e) There is no such proposal as the Ministry of Rural Development has already provided funds to the various States for setting up of Village Haats during the year 2008-09.

Jatropha plantation on wasteland in North Eastern States

4340. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total area of wasteland in the North Eastern States;
- (b) whether there is any scheme to promote plantation of Jatropha and any other trees in the wasteland in these States;
- (c) if so, whether Government has conducted any survey regarding suitability of the wastelands in the States for Jatropha cultivation; and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof and the action Government has taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SISIR ADHIKARI) : (a) As per the Wasteland Atlas of India 2011, the total area of wasteland in the North Eastern States is 47588.21 sq. km.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Not applicable in view of answer (b) above.

12.00 Noon

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

- I. Notification of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**
- II. Report and Accounts (2010-11) of JIPMER, Puducherry and related papers**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD) Sir, I lay on the Table —

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Department of Health) Notification No. G.S.R. 899 (E), dated the 27th December,