

LOK SABHA

Wednesday, April 25, 1962/Vaisakha 5,
1884 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

Members Sworn

Shri Boddipalli Rajagopala Row
(Srikakulam).

Shri Moslikanti Thirumalarao
(Kakinada).

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

**Exploratory Tube-Well
Organisation**

***163. Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:**
Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the programme of work for 1962-63 for Exploratory Tube-well Organisation;

(b) what are the latest findings in respect of underground water in places like Jaisalmer District and plant of work for its full utilisation;

(c) what areas other than Jaisalmer District are being tackled in Rajasthan and with what results; and

(d) what relationship this organisation has with one in Rajasthan State and what assistance is given to the State Organisation?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) The programme envisages the drilling of a total of 73 exploratory bore holes; 6 in Uttar Pradesh, 21 in Rajasthan, 1 in Gujarat, 8 in Punjab, 5 in West

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Bengal, 6 in Orissa, 15 in Madhya Pradesh, 5 in Himachal Pradesh, 5 in Tripura and 1 in Assam.

(b) Underground water basins have been located at some sites and action is now in progress to delineate the total area involved. Once this has been done it will be upto the State Government to draw up the programme of exploitation. Meanwhile the successful test bores have been converted into production wells and handed over to the State Government.

(c) A statement showing the areas tackled and the results achieved is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 23]

(d) The Rajasthan Underground Water Board is responsible for deepening and constructing open wells and drilling tubewells. Its Chief Engineer liaises with the Exploratory Tubewell Organisation on behalf of the State Government and is provided with such technical data as is found in the course of exploration.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: In view of the fact that the prosperity of a vast tract in this area depends upon the exploration of underground water, which is supposed to be in plenty there, may I know how Government propose to proceed with the programme in Rajasthan? What was the Plan provision in the Second Plan and what is the provision for 1962-63?

Shri S. K. Patil: Rajasthan heads the list in both these programmes. As the statement will show, in the tentative programme of underground water exploration during the Third Plan out of the 300 holes that we are planning, as many as 88 are allotted to Rajasthan. It is a very rich area