

Safe Drinking Water to Problem Villages of Bihar

81. SHRI PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the problem villages of Bihar have been fully covered with safe drinking water facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when all the problem villages of Bihar are proposed to be fully covered with safe drinking water facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH): (a) and (b). Out of 9199 identified problem villages (PVs) in Bihar as on 1.4.1985 9155 were fully covered during the Seventh Five Year Plan, leaving 44 no source PVs as on 1.4.1990.

(c) All the villages could not be covered fully due to constraint of budgetary resources. All 44 no source PVs will be covered by 31.3.1991. All the partially covered villages are likely to be fully covered with safe drinking water facilities by 31.3.1992.

Commissioning of Caprolactum Project of Fact, Cochin

82. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the

Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Caprolactum project of Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited, Cochin is ready for commissioning;

(b) if so, the time by which it will be commissioned;

(c) the total cost of the project;

(d) whether there is an escalation in the project estimate;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the reason for the delay in commissioning the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH): (a) and (b). The caprolactam project has already been commissioned on 25.10.1990.

(c) The revised cost estimate of the project is about Rs. 376.5 crores.

(d) and (e). Yes, Sir. The approved estimate of RS. 315 crores was based on the prices in November, 1987, whereas FACT was estimated the revised cost at Rs. 376.5 crores based on prices in June, 1990. According to FACT, the details of the increase of Rs. 61.50 crores are as below:—

	Rs. crores
(i) Increase in cost of material and labour	6.10
(ii) Variation in the rates of foreign exchange	14.31
(iii) Increase in taxes, levies & pre-production interest	23.10