

tions for carrying out research aimed at promotion and development of sugar industry and for increasing the production of sugarcane under the project, "Adaptive Research on Sugarcane" entrusted to I.C.A.R.

[*Translation*]

Assistance to Gujarat

*275. SHRI N.J. RATHVA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of assistance given to Gujarat for development of agriculture during the last two years;

(b) whether the Government of Gujarat has demanded more assistance during the current year for the purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) The approved Plan outlays under State Sector for Gujarat for 1991-92 and 1992-93 for agriculture and allied sectors were Rs. 120.48 crores and Rs. 126.26 crores respectively. In addition, assistance was provided to the State Government through specific Central and Centrally Sponsored Scheme and short term loans for purchase of inputs.

(b) to (d) The Government of Gujarat has requested for short term loan of Rs. 9 crores for Kharif 93 and Rs. 6 crores for Rabi 1993-94 for purchase of agricultural inputs. Rs. 6.85 crores has been released to the State for Kharif 1993.

Fisheries Development

*276. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to launch a centrally sponsored scheme for the production of Makhana and development of fisheries in the country especially in Bihar by using modern technique based on the experience of Delta region of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the benefit likely to be derived by the farmers by implementation of the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) There is no proposal at present for launching a centrally sponsored scheme for integrated farming of Makhana and fish.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

[*English*]

Skins of Birds/Animals

*277. SHRI G. DEVARAYA NAIK:
SHRI TARA CHAND
KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the authorities at the National Zoological Park, New Delhi have recently burnt more than 250 skins of birds and animals; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?