

Ranthambhore, indravati, Nagarjun-sagar, Periyar and Valmiki Tiger Reserves have shown decline in tiger population, the main reason for which is increase in poaching to meet the illegal demand in trade of tiger bones and other parts of its body.

World Bank Assistance

*90. SHRIMATISHEELA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement was entered into with the World Bank to undertake modernisation of Railway projects and maintenance of the railway tracks in India;

(b) if so, the total amount of aid received and the actual amount out of that spent so far;

(c) the reasons for non-utilisation of the amount of aid received;

(d) the period by which the agreement expires; and

(e) the time by which the projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF: (a) A loan has been obtained from the World Bank to finance the project of renewal and maintenance of railway tracks.

(b) The amount of the loan is US\$ 270m out of which US\$ 212m has been spent so far.

(c) and (d): The commitment for US\$ 248.324m has already been entered into by placing various contracts. The agreement is current upto 31.3.94. It is likely to be extended and the balance amount of loan is proposed to be utilised within the extended period.

(e) The projects are likely to be

completed by Dec. 1995. The question of seeking further aid will be considered after review of the actual requirement.

Development of Horticulture

91. SHRI HARISH NARAVAN PRABHU ZANTYE: SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of horticulture in the country;

(b) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for the development of horticulture in the country;

(c) if so, the details of the schemes identified for various States;

(d) the assistance allocated to State Governments particularly to Goa, Kamataka and Maharashtra for the development of horticulture during the Eighth Plan period;

(e) the extent of foreign assistance likely to be available; and

(f) the details of joint ventures cleared, if any, with reference to above States?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a): The horticulture crops presently cover 13.60 million hac. area which is roughly 7% of gross cropped area and yield about 106 million tonnes to the agricultural produce of the country. This accounts for 18 to 20% of the gross value of the total agricultural output.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (f). A Statement is attached.

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(c) details of scheme identified for implementation under various State/UTs are as follow:

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	State/UTs where the Scheme is being implemented	Major components ends programme being implemented
1	2	3	4
1.	Integrated Development of Tropical and Temperate zone fruits.	All States/UTs	Area expansion, production and supplied of quality planting material and increasing productivity through rejuvenation, plant protection, replanting and input
2.	Production and supply of vegetable seeds	All States/UTs except Lakshadweep	Augmenting supply of vegetable seeds and coverage of more area under high yielding varieties through the supply minikits etc.
3.	Integrated Programme for Development of Spices.	All States/UTs except Chandigarh, D&N Haaveli, Daman and Diu and Lakshadweep	Production of quality planting materials, adoption of latest technology including, import of seed technique, import of seed material of improved varieties/promising spices, rejuvenation of unproductive

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6	Integrated Development of Coconut	<p>The Scheme is being implemented in Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Nagaland, Orissa, Taminadu, Tripura, Lakshadweep and Pondicherry.</p>	<p>gardens by replating and adopting scientific cultivation methods motivating farmers to follow improved cultivation methods, use of plastics, development of water resources, training, distribution of minkits etc.</p> <p>Production and distribution of planting material, establishment of demonstration -cum- Seed Production farms, establishment of nurseries attached to DSP Farms, establishment of regional coconut nurseries, production and distribution of T & D Hybrid coconut seedlings, expansion of area under coconut, integrated expansion of area under coconut, integrated farming under coconut</p>

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5.	Development of Arecanut	The scheme is being implemented in Assam, Karnataka and Kerala	<p>hilings for productivity improvement, integrated contort of leaf eating caterpillar, establishment of coconut technology development of centres, expansion of publishing activities etc.</p> <p>Control of root rot disease, providing irrigation facilities, production of Arecanut seedlings etc.</p>
6.	Commercial Floriculture	All States/UTs except Laksha dweep	<p>Establishment of model centres including tissue culture units, area expansion, supply of planting material and establishment of post harvest centres.</p>
7.	Promoting cultivation of Root	All the states/UTs except Gujarat.	Establishment of bio-centres and sub-centres.

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8.	and Tuber Crops.	<p>J & K, Chandigarh, D&N Havelli, Delhi, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep & Pondicherry.</p> <p>The scheme is being implemented in Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamilnadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.</p>	<p>distribution of mini-kits, laying out demonstration plots in the farmers' field etc.</p> <p>Production and distribution of quality planting material, setting up of modern distillation units, establishment of herbal gardens, establishment of nursery centres, demonstration-cum-production plots and regional analytical laboratories.</p>
9.	Mushroom cultivation	<p>The scheme is being implemented in all States/UTs except Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Mizoram, Orissa, Sikkim, A&N Island, D&N Havelli, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep and Pondicherry.</p>	<p>Setting up of spawn production units and pasteurised compost production units; and training of farmers.</p>

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10.	Development of betelvine	The scheme is being implemented in all the States except Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal, Pradesh, J & K, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Chandigarh, D & N Heveli, Diu and LakshawEEP	Establishment of demonstration plots, construction of conservatories trellises, development of ater resources and distribution of plant protection equipments.
11	Integrated development Programme of casnew.	The Scheme is being implemented in Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Orissa, Tamilnadu, West Bengal and A&M	Maintenance of casnew plantations, development of new plantations, replanting rejuvenation of old un-economic gardens, adoption of comprehensive production technology, intensive pest control measure etc.
12.	Development of Cocoa	The scheme is being implemented in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu	Establishment of clonal seed gardens, production and distribution of quality planting material, establishment of demonstration plots of high yielding clones in the farmers' field, rejuvenation of unproductive gardens, setting up of irrigation units, transfers of technology by organising farmers training programmes and plant protection campaign etc.
13.	Use of Plastics in Agriculture	The scheme is operative in allthe mulching and green chouses etc.	Drip installation, drip demonstration,

In addition to above-schemes, the States/UTs will also receive assistance for development of post-harvest facilities for fruits, vegetables, flowers and mushrooms etc. from National Horticulture Board on project basis.

(d) State wise allocation of funds for the development of horticulture crops during the VIII plan period is as follows:-

S.No.	Name of State (Allocation for VIII Plan) (Rs. in lakhs)	
1.	Goa	847.18
2.	Karnataka	6472.93
3.	Maharashtra	5985.85

In addition to above the States will also receive assistance for development of post harvest facilities for fruits, vegetables, flowers and mushrooms from National Horticulture Board on project basis.

(e) and (f). Regarding foreign assistance/joint ventures in the States of Goa, Maharashtra & Karnataka, the position is as follows:-

- (i) Project for Horticulture Development in Karnataka with EEC assistance.
- (ii) Coconut Rehabilitation Project in Southern State, including Karnataka with EEC assistance.

The project proposals are presently being reworked by the State Government. The extent of foreign assistance likely to be avail-

able can be known only after finalisation of these projects.

- (iii) A joint venture with foreign collaboration, in the private sector, for production of cut flowers (fresh) to be located in Janabul Maval Taluka, Pune, Maharashtra has been recently cleared. Foreign equity participation proposed is Rs. 17.75 lakhs. The proposed annual capacity is 60 lakhs cut flowers, for export purpose.

Railway Projects

- *92. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN:
SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of railway projects are running behind schedule;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to complete these projects?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached.

(c) Intensive monitoring of projects closer coordination with State Governments and augmentation of financial resources by borrowing from the market are some of the steps that have been taken to control the slippages