

Committee of the Multilateral Fund, including one project on the development of Technology. Out of these thirty projects have been approved so far.

(b) Specific amounts are not apportioned from the Multilateral Fund for any country. Funds are approved on a project by project basis. The total amount of fund assistance involved in the thirty approved projects is US \$ 11.4 million.

(c) Projects received from enterprises are processed and sent to the Multilateral Fund. Necessary information is provided to enterprises consuming or producing Ozone depleting substances to help them prepare project proposals.

[Translation]

Consumption of Fertilizers

*29. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:
SHRI ANKUSHRAO RAOSAHEB TOPE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the per hectare consumption of fertilizers in the country during the last two years; State-wise;

(b) the position of consumption of fertilizers before the decontrol;

(c) whether there has been a steady drop in the consumption of fertilizers after the decontrol;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the steps taken by the Government to improve the position; and

(f) the details of financial assistance provided to the farmers for ensuring the appropriate use of fertilizers during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) A statement indicating the State-wise estimated per hectare consumption of fertilizers in the country during the last two years is enclosed.

(b) to (d). The table below gives the consumption of fertilizer nutrients in the country from 1991-92 to 1993-94:

(Lakh tonnes)

Year	N	P	K	Total
1991-92	80.46	33.21	13.61	127.28
1992-93	84.27	28.44	8.84	121.55
1993-94	87.89	26.69	9.08	123.66

The phosphatic and potassic fertilizers were decontrolled with effect from 25.8.1992. While the consumption of Nitrogen has gone up after decontrol, the consumption of phosphatic fertilizers has come down and the consumption of potassic fertilizers during 1993-94 has improved after a decline in 1992-93.

(e) and (f). Subsequent to decontrol of phosphatic and potassic fertilizers, there was steep hike in their prices. In

order to cushion the impact of this price rise and to improve their consumption, the Government of India provided concession on sale of these fertilizers to the farmers. During 1994-95(current year) a concession of Rs. 1000/- per tonne on MOP and indigenous DAP, Rs. 435/- to Rs. 999/- per tonne on indigenous complexes (depending on the grade) and Rs. 340/- per tonne for SSP is being given and a provision of Rs. 517/- crores has been approved.

STATEMENT

Per Hectare Consumption of Fertilizers for Cropped Area
(N+P+K)

(Estimated)

Sl. No.	State	1992-93 (Kgs)	1993-94 (Kgs)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	114.77	116.99
2.	Karnataka	62.95	64.96
3.	Kerala	67.19	58.53
4.	Tamil Nadu	114.59	111.93
5.	Gujarat	68.24	63.71
6.	Madhya Pradesh	34.35	33.52
7.	Maharashtra	56.38	59.47
8.	Rajasthan	27.11	27.77
9.	Goa	45.05	39.39
10.	Haryana	109.27	120.59
11.	Himachal Pradesh	31.20	29.17
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	41.08	39.15
13.	Punjab	159.53	159.55
14.	Uttar Pradesh	84.40	88.75
15.	Delhi	187.77	238.41
16.	Assam	6.87	8.65
17.	Manipur	47.70	47.42
18.	Meghalaya	12.44	13.38
19.	Nagaland	3.45	5.06
20.	Sikkim	8.18	7.37
21.	Tripura	19.84	17.48
22.	Arunachal Pradesh	1.98	2.30
23.	Mizoram	12.36	9.70
24.	Bihar	58.71	57.68
25.	Orissa	20.68	21.16
26.	West Bengal	84.39	85.98
All India		66.52	67.68

[English]

Arsenic Pollution

*30. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an international team of scientists conducted an enquiry into the arsenic pollution in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) the number of persons affected by the arsenic pollution;