

Cultivated Area under Irrigation

1161. Shri Vishram Prasad: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of cultivated area under irrigation at present; and

(b) the area to be covered during the Third Five Year Plan period?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) The percentage of net irrigated area to the total culturable area in 1960-61 was 14.7.

(b) It is envisaged that an additional area of 12.8 million acres (gross) under major and medium irrigation schemes and another 12.8 million acres under Minor irrigation schemes will be brought under irrigation during the Third Plan.

Survey of Soils

1162. Shri Vishram Prasad: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey of soils in India;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to carry out such survey; and

(d) when they propose to start the survey?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Soil survey has been undertaken by the Government of India under the All India Soil & Land Use Survey Scheme and also by State Governments. The area surveyed under the Government of India's scheme during 1960-62 is 179 lakh acres of which about 30 lakh acres are in the catchment areas of the main River Valley Projects and about 149 lakh

acres in other areas, as stated below:—

River Valley Catchment (1)	(Lakh Acres) (2)
1. Bhakra-Nangal	4.01
2. Chambal	4.69
3. Machkund	5.72
4. Hairakud.	15.62
Total	30.04

Other areas**(Lakh Acres)**

1. Andhra Pradesh	33.61
2. Kerala	9.81
3. Maharashtra	30.49
4. Mysore	25.90
5. Madhya Pradesh	1.83
6. Madras	15.83
7. Orissa	7.56
8. Punjab	2.27
9. Rajasthan	3.38
10. U. P.	0.55
11. West Bengal	4.72

1. Andamans	6.02
2. Delhi	2.32
3. N.E.F.A.	0.49
4. Tripura	4.20

TOTAL **148.99**

The areas surveyed under State Governments' schemes according to reports so far received, is about 25 lakh acres as under:—

Name of the state	(Lakh Acres)
1. Bihar	0.76
2. Maharashtra	8.09
3. Mysore	1.26
4. Orissa	2.52
5. U. P.	0.07
6. D. V. C.	12.65
TOTAL	25.35

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

Import of Foodgrains

1163. Shri Vishram Prasad: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the total quantity of foodgrains imported during the First and Second Five Year Plan periods?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food (Shri A. M. Thomas): About 11.5 and 18.3 million metric tons respectively.