

Major and Medium Irrigation Projects in Gujarat

1844. { Shri D. J. Naik:
Shri P. R. Patel:
Shri Chhotubhai Patel:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the Third Five Year Plan no additional benefit is anticipated from major and medium irrigation projects in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government intend to create potential for irrigation in the Third Plan?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) Additional benefit is anticipated.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, as some of the continuing schemes of 1st and 2nd Plan will be completed during the Third Plan.

Manurial Resources in Rural Areas

1845. { Shri D. J. Naik:
Shri P. R. Patel:
Shri Chhotubhai Patel:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for the development of local manurial resources in rural areas like compost manure and night soil compost; and

(b) the success achieved as a result thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) With a view to develop to the maximum extent possible compost manure and night soil compost in the rural areas the Government of India forwarded towards the end of 1956 the following schemes to the State Governments and Union

Territory Administrations for implementation:—

(i) Larger and better utilisation of local manurial resources for compost production in N.E.S. and C.D. Blocks.

(ii) Night soil compost scheme in bigger Panchayats and smaller villages.

Compost Inspectors have been appointed in selected Blocks. For implementing night soil composting scheme in Bigger Panchayats a total subsidy of 25 per cent. of the recurring cost to be shared equally between the Centre and States is given to the State Governments. In regard to Night Soil Composting schemes in smaller villages the cost is shared equally between the Centre and the States. With a view to emphasise the importance of this work and to popularise preparation of rural compost, most of the State Government organise special campaigns and celebrate Compost Weeks and Fortnights. Zonal meetings were also convened by Government of India in order that the bottlenecks, if any, in the speedy implementation of the schemes are located and removed.

(b) According to the reports received from the State Governments and Union Territories approximately 66 million tons of rural compost was produced during the year 1960-61—Anticipated production of rural compost during 1961-62, as indicated by the State Governments etc., is expected to be of the order of 76 million tons.

Land Under Irrigation in Gujarat

1846. { Shri D. J. Naik:
Shri P. R. Patel:
Shri Chhotubhai Patel:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the acreage brought under irrigation through minor and medium