

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

irrigation in the State of Gujarat so far;

(b) whether it is a fact that the area under irrigation is much less than that in other States; and

(c) if so, what steps Government intend to take to put the State of Gujarat on par with other States in respect of irrigation?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b). According to the information furnished by the State Government in their Third Plan proposals 14 lakh acres or about 6 per cent of the total cropped area in the State, as against the All-India figure of about 17 per cent. is reported to have been under irrigation by the end of the Second Plan period. During the first year of the Third Plan, 1.8 lakh acres and 1.6 lakh acres are expected to have benefited from minor irrigation schemes and major and medium irrigation projects, respectively.

(c) With a view to increase the area under irrigation in the State, the State Government has proposed a number of schemes during the Third Plan the targets being 8.64 lakh acres under major irrigation projects and 11.90 lakh acres under minor irrigation schemes. In addition, all State Governments have recently been addressed to review their minor irrigation programmes already included in the State Plans and to rephrase them with a view to accelerate their progress. If the Government of Gujarat is in a position to take up additional minor irrigation works, funds over and above the present ceiling of Central financial assistance and the total Plan outlay will be provided by Government of India.

Accident at Bhatni Junction on N.E. Railway

1847. Shri R. P. Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 1st May, 1962, 906 Down goods train entered line No. 5 at Bhatni Junction on North Eastern Railway and collided with an engine standing on the same line; and

(b) if so, what was the cause?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):

(a) Yes.

(b) The accident was due to Failure of human element.

Mayoral Conferences

1848. Dr. P. Srinivasan: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) what were the resolutions of the Mayoral Conferences held at Ootacamund in 1960 and at Bombay in 1961;

(b) what were the proposals at the Conferences; and

(c) how many resolutions were implemented?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) A statement indicating the resolutions passed by the First Mayors' Conference held at Ootacamund in 1959 (not in 1960) and the Second Conference held at Bombay in 1961 is attached (Statement I) [Placed in the Library. See No. LT-385/62].

(b) Another statement indicating the various proposals as incorporated in the Agenda of the two Conferences is attached (Statement II). [Placed in the Library. See No. LT-385/62].

(c) A further statement showing the up-to-date position regarding the implementation of the various recommendations made at the two conferences will be placed on the Table of the Sabha shortly. [Placed in the Library. See No. LT-385/62].

Power from Madras State to Andhra State

1849. Dr. P. Srinivasan: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal