

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

गेहूँ की खेती वाला क्षेत्र

2015. श्री श्रीकार जाल बेरवा :
क्या कुछ और विचारों की जरूरत है जो खेती की
रूपा बदले कि :

(क) क्या गेहूँ के मुद्दों में कमी होने
के कारण किसानों ने अपेक्षाकृत कम क्षेत्र में
गेहूँ बोने का निर्णय किया है ;

(ख) क्या उन्होंने सरसों, चना, मसुरी,
सोयाबीन आदि की पैदावार करना प्रारम्भ
कर दिया है ; और

(ग) यदि हा, तो इस बारे में सरकार
का क्या कदम उठाने का विचार है ?

कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री
(श्री प्रभुवास फडेल) : (क) वर्ष 1975-
76 के दौरान रबी की विभिन्न फसलों की
बुवाई के क्षेत्र के अन्तर्गत अनुमानित प्रती उपलब्ध
नहीं हुए हैं । तथापि उपलब्ध रिपोर्टों के
अनुसार वर्ष 1974-75 की तुलना में इस
वर्ष के दौरान गेहूँ के अन्तर्गत के क्षेत्र में
वृद्धि होने की आशा है ।

(ख) तथा (ग). प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Soil Erosion

2016. SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) number of States which face huge losses in foodgrains cultivation due to erosion of soil;

(b) steps Government have taken in this regard; and

(c) how far these steps have checked the soil erosion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND

IRRIGATION (SHRI SHANAWAZ KHAN): (a) The problems of soil erosion on account of wind and water exist in one form or other in every State of the country. The extent and State-wise distribution of such areas can be estimated only after the whole country is covered by Soil Survey, which work is already in progress;

(b) and (c). The problem of soil degradation is being tackled in the country through the programme of soil and water conservation. It means prevention of all forms of soil degradation by using the soil according to its capability and treating it according to its needs with measures like contour bunding, terracing, gully control, water harvesting, saline-alkaline land reclamation, afforestation and pasture development. The programme of soil and water conservation was initiated right from the beginning of First Five Year Plan period. By the end of 1975-76; 21.90 million hectares are likely to be treated with a total expenditure of Rs. 422.03 crores. Plan-wise details of physical achievements and expenditure are given below:

(Area in million ha and Rupees in crores)

Period	Area treated	Expenditure
1st Plan . . .	0.30	1.60
2nd Plan . . .	1.28	20.36
3rd Plan . . .	4.49	77.42
1966-69 . . .	4.59	86.79
4th Plan . . .	8.19	162.46
1974-75 . . .	1.12	39.27
1975-76 (Tentative)	1.93	34.13
TOTAL . . .	21.90	422.03

During the Fifth Five Year Plan period i.e., 1974-75 to 1978-79, soil and water conservation programmes have been further intensified. During the entire plan period, an area of about 5 million hectares is likely to be covered with a total outlay of Rs. 278.28 crores.