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#### Narmada Waters

996. PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Narmada Waters Issues is still before the Tribunal for further hearings and arguments;

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the progress of work completed so far, and the time-limit by which the Tribunal is to give its judgement;

(c) whether a fresh move is a foot for amicable settlement of this long standing dispute among the 4 States of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan, by referring the who'e matter to the new Prime Minister for his Award;

(d) if so, broad details thereto; and whether Government have urged the Tribunal to expedite its work of hearings and judgement?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The party States, namely, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan have argued the initial stage of the case. Further arguments by Gujarat are now proceeding. The Tribunal has indicated that it might submit its report in a year or thereabout.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The question does not arise in view of the reply to (c) above.

The Tribunal has indicated that every effort is being made by it to complete the work as expeditiously as possible.

#### Price for Procurement of Basmati Rice

997. SHRI GHULAM MAHAMMAD KHAN:

SHRI K. MALLANNA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have fixed new prices for procurement of basmati rice for the Central pool;

(b) whether arrivals of basmati rice in market are much lower than last year; and

(c) if so, the rates Government have fixed for the basmati rice, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Prices for procurement of basmati rice have been fixed in respect of Punjab and Haryana. Market arrivals of basmati rice during 1976-77 season have been less as compared to arrivals during the 1975-76 season.

(c) The prices for procurement of basmati rice for the Central Pool for 1976-77 season for Punjab & Haryana have been fixed as under:—

(Price per quintal)

State	Superior Basmati Grade-I	Superior Basmati Grade-II
	Rs.	Rs.
Punjab .	175.50	172.50
Haryana .	175.50	172.50