

[English]

**Drinking Water Scheme in Orissa
with Collaboration of Denmark**

3952. SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the drinking water scheme undertaken in Orissa with the collaboration of the Denmark Government has been finally agreed upon and if so, the progress of work;

(b) when the project will be completed and how many villages will be supplied drinking water through this project with details; and

(c) whether in hilly areas of Orissa any special efforts are being made for the supply of drinking water either with foreign collaboration or through Central Government scheme; if so, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) :

(a). Final agreement has not yet been signed.

(b) The project will take five years for completion from the date of commencement of work. The project on completion is expected to provide drinking water to about 2010 identified problem villages in 20 blocks with an estimated population of 1.85 million.

(c) There is no specific scheme funded by any foreign agency or by the Centre for providing drinking water to hilly areas of Orissa. However, rural drinking water supply schemes throughout the State including the hilly regions are being implemented with funds under the State Mini Needs Programme and grants in aid received under the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme and the incentive scheme based on performance.

**Utilisation of Sophisticated Tools and
Devices for agricultural production**

3953. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research proposes to lay emphasis on the utilisation of the latest sophisticated research tools and devices to achieve the overall goal of raising agricultural production and productivity; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research is a promoter of the use of the latest and sophisticated research tools and devices so that its scientists are able to bring out results quickly and precision of research is not sacrificed for want of required instruments and devices. The ICAR research is directed towards increasing agricultural production and productivity.

(b) The ICAR provides to all its constituents and agricultural universities equipment grants for replacement of old outdated equipment and for acquiring new research equipment as dictated by their research mandate to the extent budget allocations permit. These include latest laboratory equipment, automatic rapid analysers, remote sensing and data loggers, data analysers, experimental plot machinery, special structures etc.

**Foreign Aided Agricultural Projects
under Implementation**

3954. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of foreign aided agricultural projects under implementation in the country;

(b) whether any such foreign aided project is under implementation in Orissa;

(c) if so, the particulars of those projects; and

(d) the amount of foreign aid made available for each of those projects ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a). 135 foreign-aided agricultural projects are under implementation in the country.

(b) Yes, Sir. 20 such projects are under implementation in Orissa.

(c) and (d). A statement giving particulars of these projects and the amount of foreign aid made available for each of the project under implementation in the State of Orissa is attached.