

Statement-II

		(in lakhs)
1.	Karnataka	2.58
2.	Kerala	0.48
3.	Orissa	0.57
4.	West Bengal & Tripura	0.15
5.	Rajasthan & Gujarat	0.63
6.	Andhra Pradesh	1.15
7.	Tamil Nadu	0.86
8.	Uttar Pradesh	0.78
9.	Bihar	0.90
10.	Maharashtra	0.56
11.	Madhya Pradesh	2.70
Total :		11.36

Shortage of Drinking Water in Bihar

1953. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that this year almost all the towns of the State of Bihar including Patna and large number of villages were affected by acute shortage of drinking water ;

(b) if so, whether Centre has provided any financial assistance to the State to solve the problem ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether State Government have sent a scheme for meeting the drinking water shortage in Patna ;

(e) if so, the details thereof ; and

(f) the reaction of Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHA-

FOOR) : (a) No such report has been received in this Ministry.

(b) and (c). Does not arise. However, under the normal Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme, Central grants amounting to Rs. 455 lakhs have been released to the Government of Bihar during the current year for coverage of problem villages.

(d) to (f). State Government has prepared a feasibility report for augmenting water supply in the three towns of Patna, Ranchi and Dhanbad-Jharia at a cost of Rs 102.05 crores and has sought World Bank assistance for executing this project. The report is presently under consideration of the World Bank. The Bihar Government has been requested to make adequate budgetary provision in the Plan.

[English]

Diversification of cropping pattern

1954. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALICK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently reviewed their policy for the diversification of existing cropping pattern and if so, the guidelines issued in this regard ;

(b) the details regarding the performance of the different States during the Sixth Plan towards diversification of cropping pattern ; and

(c) the details regarding its implementation in the State of Orissa during Sixth Five Year Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) The Government have been reviewing its policy for the diversification of existing cropping pattern from time to time. General guidelines issued in this regard, *inter-alia* relate to :

- (i) introduction of most efficient crops in different agro-climatic conditions ;
- (ii) Expansion of area under pulses and oilseeds under irrigated conditions and cultivation of short-duration varieties of moong in summer season as catch crop ; and
- (iii) introduction of non-traditional crops like soyabean and sunflower.

(b) During the Sixth Plan, following trends have been observed :

- (i) *Rice* : The area is showing increasing trend in the States of

Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal ; declining trend in Tamil Nadu and fluctuation in Bihar and Karnataka.

- (ii) *Wheat* : There is increasing trend in area in all major growing States except West Bengal where it has shown a declining trend

- (iii) *Coarse-grains* : The area has registered an increase in the States of Gujarat, Karnataka and Rajasthan ; declining trend in Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh ; and is fluctuating in the remaining States.

- (iv) *Pulses* : Increasing trend in area has been observed in all the major States except Bihar, Punjab and West Bengal where it has shown a declining trend. In Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh the area has been fluctuating from year to year.

- (v) *Groundnut* : The area has shown a slightly increasing trend in all the major growing States.

- (vi) *Rapeseed & Mustard* : The area has shown an increasing trend in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. In Uttar Pradesh it has marginally declined.

(c) The details of changes in cropping pattern during Sixth Five Year Plan in Orissa are given below :

(Lakh hectares)

Crop	Area during 1979-80 (Base Year)	Area during 1983-84
Rice	41.17	43.64
Wheat	0.51	0.64
Coarsegrains	6.36	6.88
Pulses	16.51	16.95
Total foodgrains	64.55	68.10
Groundnut	1.75	2.79
Rapeseed & Mustard	1.45	1.33