

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the Sixth Five Year Plan 1984-85, sixteen towns were sanctioned for Madhya Pradesh under the Centrally sponsored scheme for the integrated development of small and medium towns. During the Seventh Five Year Plan the project reports in respect of Hoshangabad, Khandwa, Gadarwara and Pachmarhi towns received from the State Govt. are being processed.

(c) and (d) Rewa town has been given a Central loan assistance of Rs. 12.40 lakhs during the Sixth Five Year Plan and a further sum of Rs. 20 lakhs during the current financial year 1985-86.

Survey on waste land

1972. SHRI SRIHARI RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have carried out a survey to identify the wasteland (Banjar land) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, and action proposed by Government

to make this land useful for cultivation; and

(c) the percentage of such land in each State to total cultivable land and land already under cultivation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c) The Government have, as part of regular crop inspections carried out by revenue agencies in most of the States, been collecting the data on land utilisation according to the nine-fold classification every year. This provides, inter-alia, estimates of area under "culturable waste land". The extent of culturable waste land as also its percentage to total "cultivable area" and "cultivated area", State wise, during 1981-82 is given in the statement below.

The Government have been taking various steps to identify and reclaim waste lands in different States by constituting "Waste Land Survey and Reclamation Committee" (1959) and through a Centrally Sponsored for 'Survey and Categorisation of Waste Land in Blocks of less than 100 ha.', implemented during the Third Five Year Plan. These efforts are proposed to be continued in the Seventh Plan subject to the availability of resources.

Statement

State-wise estimates of area under culturable wasteland (1981-82)

State	Culturable Wasteland ('000 ha.)	Culturable Wasteland as percent of	
		Cultivated Area	Cultivable
1.	2.	3.	4.
Andhra Pradesh	889	6.6	5.6
Bihar	446	4.5	3.9
Gujarat	1969	19.4	15.8
Haryana	41	1.1	1.1
Himachal Pradesh	241	39.1	26.4
Jammu and Kashmir	145	17.7	13.7

1	2	3	4
Karnataka	495	4.3	3.9
Kerala	130	5.8	5.3
Madhya Pradesh	1836	9.3	8.1
Maharashtra	987	5.1	4.7
Orissa	249	3.8	3.3
Punjab	38	0.9	0.9
Rajasthan	6207	35.4	24.0
Tamil Nadu	335	4.5	4.0
Uttar Pradesh	1122	6.1	5.4
West Bengal	374	6.6	6.0
Other States/UTs.	906	20.4	12.7
All India	16410	10.6	8.9

Note—(1) Cultivated area is the sum total of 'Net sown area' and current fallows.

(2) Cultivable area comprises of cultivated area, fallows other than current fallows, land under miscellaneous tree crops and grooves and culturable wasteland.

[Translation]

Telecast of family welfare programme

1973. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that family welfare programme is not getting its due place on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether Government have any proposal to incorporate views of Members of Parliament in the said programme; and

(c) if so, by what time and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. The assumption in part (a) of the question is not correct. Programmes relating to family welfare are getting due place on Doordarshan. These programmes are

being telecast from all the Doordarshan Kendras on regular basis in various formats. Doordarshan also gives full support through coverages and other telecasts to the campaigns organised by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. It may be added that Doordarshan gave wide publicity to the Intensive Family planning Campaign organised by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare from 20.3.85 to 31.5.85. Besides, Doordarshan has telecast a large number of programmes on Family Planning during "Family Planning Month" which was celebrated from 7.10.85 to 7.11.1985.

Members of the Parliament are also associated with many programmes telecast from Doordarshan Kendras from time to time. MPs were also associated in the Intensive Campaign Programmes during March—May, 1985.

Handing over of flats (SFS-III) in Vijay Mandal Enclave by DDA

1974. SHRI SARFARAZ AHMAD : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply