

(d) Yes, Sir. It is proposed that increase in production and productivity will be a guiding factor in determination of wages when the wage structure for the steel industry is discussed in the bipartite forum of the National Joint Committee for the Steel Industry.

[*Translation*]

Agriculture Science Centres in Rajasthan

5613. PROF NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Government propose to open Agriculture Science Centre in each district of the country for development of agriculture;

(b) if so, the number of such Centres proposed to be opened in Rajasthan during 1986-87 ;

(c) whether Government propose to open an Agriculture Science Centre in Chittorgarh also; and

(d) if so, the time by which such Centre is likely to be opened in Chittorgarh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras proposed to be opened in Rajasthan during 1986-87 will be decided by an ICAR Committee at the appropriate time keeping in view the financial resources earmarked for the purpose.

(d) Question does not arise.

[*English*]

Soil Erosion in Eastern Zone

5614. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have prepared a scheme to check soil erosion in the eastern zone ;

(b) if so, the schemes prepared for each State falling in the eastern zone; and

(c) the details of the amount earmarked in Seventh Five Year Plan to implement the soil conservation programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c). Government launched multi-dimensional programmes of soil conservation since the First Five Year Plan in the country including the eastern zone, comprising the States to Bihar, Orissa, West Bengal and Sikkim. These schemes got enlarged and diversified in the subsequent Plan periods under Central and State sectors. The following soil conservation schemes are under implementation in the eastern zone :

1. Soil conservation in the catchments of river valley projects.
2. Integrated watershed management in the catchments of flood prone rivers.

Central support is also being extended through All India Soil and Land Use Survey in identifying the problematic areas in the eastern zone. About 117.64 lakh hectares have been covered under different types of surveys by this organisation.

2. During the Seventh Plan, a sum of Rs. 110 crore has been earmarked for implementation of Central sector/Centrally sponsored soil conservation schemes. Another Centrally sponsored scheme "National watershed development programme for rainfed agriculture" (NWDPR) has been launched in 1986-87 with an outlay of Rs. 239 crore comprising of Rs. 120 crore as Central Government share and remaining Rs. 119 crore as State share. The scheme will be undertaken on the basis of integrated water-approach and covers States in the the eastern zone. Yearwise State allocation will be worked out on year-to-year basis for individual schemes keeping in view the demand of the concerned State Governments and overall resources position. Besides, the following schemes having direct bearing on soil and water conservation are also being implemented in the eastern zone :

1. Soil, water and tree conservation in the Himalayas.