

**Raising additional Resources
by Public Sector**

7908. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether reduction in food and fertiliser subsidy would push up prices of cereals and lead to inflationary pressure ;

(b) if so, to what extent ; and

(c) whether any remedial measures have been or are being taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) There is no reduction in the absolute amount of subsidy on these items in the Central Budget for 1986 87 as may be seen from the following :—

Subsidy on	(Rs. crores)		
	1985-86 (BE)	1985 86 (RE)	1986-87 (BE)
1. Food	1100	1650	1750
2. Fertilisers			
(a) Indigeneous	1200	1600	1700
(b) Imported	601	450	250

(b) & (c). Do not arise.

**Research Projects taken up by International
Development Research Centre**

7909. DR. B.L. SHAILESH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the International Development Research Centre of Canada has decided to take up four new projects worth Rs. 8 crores for research in India ;

(b) if so, the details of these projects; and

(c) where these will be executed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c). The International Development Research Centre, Canada have recently proposed financial assistance to the extent of approximately Rs. 1.26 crores for four new projects for research in India. Of these, three project proposals have already been approved by the Govt. of India. Details of the projects are given in the Statement below.

Statement

S. N.	Name of the implementing agency/ location	Approximate Rupee Value of IDRC assistance	Subject/purpose of the project	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
1.	National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi.	Rs. 56 lakhs	Development of an anticonceptive vaccine that is safe, effective, long-acting, reversible and practi- cable.	Approved by Govt. of India
2.	Bharatiya Agro-Industries Foundation, Pune	Rs. 19 lakhs	Research programme aimed at introducing trees which are tole- rant to drought and unfavourable soil conditions in the rural areas of Maharashtra, Gujarat and Karnataka. These trees will meet the needs of the rural poor for fuelwood, fodder, shelter and at the same time improve the soil through nitrogen fixation and nutrient recycling.	—do—
3.	Tata Research Development and Design Centre, Pune.	Rs. 8 lakhs	Research project utilising rice husk ash for the development of low cost water filtration devices which can be fabricated by rural populations to produce drinking water of acceptable quality.	—do—

1	2	3	4	5
4.	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay & two collaborating Canadian institutions.	Rs. 43 lakhs	Development of an improved reactor whose function is to produce biogas from industrial waste.	To be approved
		----- Rs. 126 lakhs		