

regard to the crops which can be easily grown in desert land; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAISHAH): (a) Gross irrigated area sown during 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 was 4351000 ha., 3995000 ha. and 4365000 ha. respectively. Under the Centrally Sponsored schemes, an area of 117807 ha. has been developed under non-irrigated lands in Rajasthan during the last three years.

(b) and (c). The Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur of Indian Council of Agricultural Research and State Agricultural University have developed appropriate land use system including agro-forestry, silvi pasture, dry-land horticulture, etc. Two new high yielding varieties of pasture grasses Marwad Anzan and Marwad Dhaman have been released for dry areas. Improved varieties of Pearl Millets, Castor, Clusterbean, etc. have been recommended for growing areas which have appropriate moisture.

[English]

#### **Sardar Sarovar Project**

899. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether work on the Sardar Sarovar Project has been discontinued;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor:

(c) whether Japan has stopped financial aid for the Project; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. Japan has stopped second instalment of credit due in November, 1990 mainly due to the adverse comments and criticism of the Sardar Sarovar Project by some activists.

[Translation]

#### **Supply of River Waters to Rajasthan**

900. SHRI GULAB CHAND KATARIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to complete the scheme of providing waters from Yamuna, Ganga and Narmada rivers to Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the the time by which the scheme is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b). Detailed Project Report of a Scheme to provide 616 Mm<sup>3</sup> (0.3 Maf) Narmada water to 74000 ha. in Barmer and Jalore districts of Rajasthan has only recently been received in the Central Water Commission. Provision for this Scheme has been made by the State Government in its Eighth Plan. Regarding Ganga waters, according to a Central Water Commission study to assess the surplus flood waters, there is not sufficient water economically available, ex-Raiwala or Narora for conveyance to Rajasthan.

Some part of monsoon flows of Yamuna river are already available to Rajasthan from