

TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) to (d). Central assistance is given to the States in the form of block loans and grants, which are not tied to any particular sector of development or scheme. The State Governments, from the aggregate resources available with them including the Central assistance, make sector-wise allocations.

Central Funds for Supply of Drinking Water

1032. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide more funds to States for providing drinking water to affected areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any such fund is likely to be sanctioned for Kerala, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The outlay for Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme, Mini-Missions and Sub-Missions under the national Drinking Water Mission is likely to be increased from Rs. 423 crores in 1990-91 to Rs. 508 crores in 1991-92.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The allocation to the State Government of Kerala under Accelerated rural Water Supply Programme for 1991-92 is likely to be around Rs. 12 crores as against the allocation of Rs. 10.76 crores in 1990-91.

Height of Narmada Dam

1033. PROF. MADHU DANAVATE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether agro-economists have deposed before the Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal that eleven lakh acres of land in the Rann and Banni areas of Kutch will be submerged because of high salinity; and

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to lower the height of the dam from 139 metres to 122 metres to have the submergence from 37,250 hectares to 18,200 hectares and to reduce the number of villages to be displaced to the barest minimum?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) The Rann and Banni areas of Kutch have been excluded from the Command area of the Sardar Sarovar Project.

(b) The Government do not propose to reduce the height of the Sardar Sarovar Dam.

Setting up of Agricultural College In Goa

1034. PROF. GOPALRAO MAYEKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any demand to set up an agricultural college in Goa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) Yes, Sir.