

Scheme for Drought Prone Areas

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate a scheme to undertake certain works in perennial drought prone areas to control famines;

(b) whether the Government of Rajasthan has forwarded any scheme in this regard?

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have conducted any survey in this regard in Rajasthan;

(e) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(f) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) to (f). Government of Rajasthan have prepared a Perspective Plan for implementation of relief-cum development works on a systemic basis in perennial drought prone areas. The perspective Plan (1992-2000) received from the Government of Rajasthan envisages a financial outlay of Rs. 1670.00 crores, for undertaking activities in the field of drinking water supply, water-shed development and soil conservation, irrigation and area development, agriculture, public distribution system, animal husbandry, forestry, roads village industries, energy, cooperatives, social welfare, women and child development, immunisation, nutrition and medicare and rural housing and farm ponds.

2. While no detailed survey in this regard has been conducted the Perspective Plan, which has been prepared in consultation with the district authorities, would serve as a basis and guide for working out detailed district action plans, which on mobilisation of required resources would be addressing themselves to the task of drought proofing.

National Agricultural Development Board

*9 PROF. RITA VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a National Agricultural Development Board for the development of agricultural resources;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the net share of the country in export of sea-food during 1991-92 and 1992-93 (till /December, 1992); and

(d) the steps taken to further increase the export of sea-food items?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) The share of sea-food vis-a-vis total export of the country was 3.13% in 1991-92 and 3.30% in 1992-93 till November, 1992.

(d) In order to boost export earnings from sea-food sector the Government has adopted the following strategies:-

- i) Development of deep-sea fishing and diversified fishing for stepping up export on non-shrimp resources.
- ii) Stepping up production by culture fisheries by increasing productivity from the existing shrimp fall
- iii) Induction of new technology & value addition.
- iv) Modernisation of processing facilities, quality up gradation & waste reduction.
- v) Aggressive market promotion measures.