

Grants for Soil Conservation to Andhra Pradesh

871. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the grants made available to Andhra Pradesh for soil-conservation during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to sanction additional resources/funds for soil-conservation and dry-land farming in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Central assistance made available to Andhra Pradesh for soil conservation schemes during the last three years is as under :—

	Rs. in lakhs
1983-84	59.88
1984-85	80.00
1985-86	90.00

Under State Sector, following outlays were approved by the Planning Commission for soil conservation programmes in Andhra Pradesh :—

	Rs in lakhs
1983-84	42.0
1984-85	58.0
1985-86	80.0

(b) and (c). During the year 1986-87, an allocation of Rs. 94.43 lakhs under the Centrally sponsored scheme of Soil Conservation in the catchments of River Valley Projects has been made to Andhra Pradesh for soil and water conservation measures in

the catchments of Nizamsagar, Nagarjuna-sagar, Machkund-Sileru and Pochampad.

Under the Centrally sponsored scheme of National Watershed Development Programme for rainfed agriculture during 1986-87, it is envisaged to cover an area of 32,000 ha. with an outlay of Rs. 8.00 crores to be shared equally by the Centre and State Governments.

Under the World Bank aided pilot project on Watershed Development in Rainfed Areas, Maheswaram Watershed in Rangareddy district covering an area of 25,300 ha. has been taken up since June, 1984. The total outlay approved for this project for a period of 7 years is Rs. 582 lakhs.

Under State Sector, the outlay approved by Planning Commission for 1986-87 for soil conservation is Rs. 105 lakhs.

Nationalisation of Aluminium Industry to Control Price and Distribution

872. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to nationalise the aluminium industry in India to control price and distribution of aluminium in the country; and

(b) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAMDULARI SINHA) : (a) and (b). There is statutory price control over primary aluminium and distribution control on electrical conductor grade aluminium metal. There is, however, no proposal under consideration of the Government at present to nationalise the aluminium industry.

Cultivation of Crops in Non-Traditional Areas

873. SHRI NITYANAND MISRA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :