

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Indian Express dated 28 March, 1988 under the caption "Fertiliser Industry Sees Glut in '88 too";

(b) if so, the Government's assessment in regard to demand and availability of fertilisers in the country during 1988-89; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILISERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU) : (a) and (b). The Government is aware of the excessive availability of Urea in the country. The demand and availability of other fertilisers is balanced.

(c) It is not proposed to enter into fresh contracts for the import of urea during 1988-89.

[English]

Adverse Effect of Drought on Oilseeds Production

9331 SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether drought conditions in the country has affected considerably the implementation of Technology Missions on oilseeds and drinking water;

(b) whether the oilseeds target for 1987-88 is not likely to be achieved due to low availability of ground water; and

(c) if so, the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI) : (a) and (b). The drought in the current year has adversely affected programmes of both the Technology Missions on Oilseeds and Drinking Water. On Oilseeds, the severe drought conditions in

Kharif, 1987 have adversely affected the realisation of the targetted production level in 1987-88. Drought has affected both the rainfed and irrigated areas. Eighty five percent of oilseed area is under rainfed conditions and the other fifty percent under irrigated conditions. Reduced availability of ground water adversely affected production in some of the oilseeds areas which were under irrigated conditions. Thus, on account of the both failure of the monsoon and also consequential low availability of ground water the production target for 1987-88 is unlikely to be achieved.

On Drinking water, 265 districts spread over 15 States have been affected by Drinking water scarcity due to drought.

(c) In the Technology Mission on Oilseeds, special efforts have been made in Rabi, 1987-88 by strengthening input supply and providing various assistance to the farmers through the State Governments under National Oilseeds Development Project and Oilseeds Production Thrust Project. As a result of these steps, the Rabi oilseeds production is expected to reach on an all time high.

In the Technology Mission on Drinking Water, during the 1987-88, under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme in addition to Rs. 309.78 crores which was available to the States, a further assistance on Rs. 44.91 crores was released to 11 drought affected States. The Government of India has also approved a ceiling of expenditure amounting to Rs. 128.499 crores for rural areas as Central assistance to the drought hit States. In addition, an amount of Rs. 16.678 crores has been sanctioned for purchase of rigs etc. The Government of India has also allocated an amount of Rs. 18.50 crores for Desert Development Programme (DDP) areas in drought affected States for providing permanent drought proofing in addition to the normal assistance provided to these States under ARWSP Programme.

Drought Aid to Orissa

9332. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Central team visited Orissa in January, 1988 to assess the

drought conditions in the State, if so, the districts covered;

(b) whether State Government demanded financial assistance for providing health cover to the affected people, animal husbandry schemes and fodder minikits;

(c) if so, the central aid sought for, separately;

(d) whether Union Government have released the aid asked for; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Central Team visited the districts of Kalahandi, Bolangir, Ganjam and Koraput.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) As no amount was demanded for providing health cover to the affected people, animal husbandry schemes and fodder minikits, no amount was approved for these items.

(e) Does not arise.

New Water Pipeline Projects

9333. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have cleared any new water pipeline projects for the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total estimated cost of each project and the proportion of expenditure to be met by Union and State Governments respectively;

(d) whether the work has commenced on any of the projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a)

to (e). The augmentation of water supply scheme for Rajkot city to get 10 mgd of water from Bhadar Dam by laying 65 Kms pipeline at a cost of Rs. 31.50 crores has been cleared from technical angle by the Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organisation in the Ministry of Urban Development. The Government of India has approved expenditure ceiling of Rs. 10 crores under the Advance Plan Assistance for this scheme.

The Government of India has also approved expenditure ceiling of Rs. 4 crores under the advance Plan Assistance for laying of 80 Kms of pipeline for Jamnagar city to draw 2 mgd of water from Machhoo Dam at cost of Rs. 4.82 crores.

The balance expenditure on the above mentioned schemes has to be met by the local bodies and the Government of Gujarat. The Government of Gujarat has reported that the works of both the pipelines have been completed and water supply has been started during February, 1988.

Indo-Soviet Agreement on Soil Study

9334. SHRI S.M. GURADDI :
SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any agreement has been reached with the Soviet Union to help in soil study;

(b) if so, the time by which the joint survey will be carried out; and

(c) whether any areas have been identified for the survey ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Rehabilitation of Displaced Tribals

9335. SHRI KUNWAR RAM : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :