

such as Sewing Machines, Knitting Machines vegetable vending etc.

(b) and (c). These lists are too lengthy to be compiled and circulated.

Problem of Land Erosion in States

1298. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the problem of land erosion in certain States is on increase year after year and a large part of land has been eroded;

(b) if so, the names of the States which have been affected by the land erosion and the area of total land eroded in each State :

(c) whether a Central Committee has been appointed to know the problem of erosion;

(d) if so, when the Committee was appointed and whether it has submitted its report; and

(e) if so, the findings and the suggestions made to check the erosion in those areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) and (b). There are no comprehensive and periodic State-wise surveys providing precise data on the extent of lands subject to erosion and degradation or no the dynamics of their change. However, various estimates including that of National Commission on Agriculture (1976), National Committee on Backward Area Development (1981), Rashtriya Barh Ayog (1980), Land Utilisation Statistics (1981-82) etc., indicate that an area of about 173 million ha. is affected by soil erosion and land degradation of different types. The State-wise break-up of the estimated problem area is given in the statement below.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Do not arise, in view of (c) above.

Statement

State-Wise Information on Estimated Problem Areas

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	Problem Area due to		
		Soil erosion	Land Degradation	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	115.02	7.29	122.31
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	24.44	2.10	26.54
3.	Assam	22.17	7.82	29.99
3.	Bihar	42.60	22.92	65.52
5.	Gujarat	99.46	26.40	125.86
6.	Harayana	15.91	25.71	41.62
7.	Himachal Pradesh	19.14	—	19.14
8.	Jammu and Kashmir	8.83	0.10	8.93
9.	Karnataka	109.89	4.14	114.03

1	2	3	4	5
10.	Kerala	17.57	1.78	19.35
11.	Mndhya Pradesh	196.10	11.07	207.17
12.	Maharashtra	191.81	6.65	198.46
13.	Manipur	3.74	3.60	7.34
14.	Meghalaya	8.37	2.65	11.02
15.	Mizoram	4.21	1.89	6.10
16.	Nagaland	4.05	6.33	10.38
17.	Orissa	45.78	32.25	78.03
18.	Punjab	10.07	22.23	32.30
19.	Rajasthan	199.02	174.92	373.94
20.	Sikkim	3.03	—	3.03
21.	Tamil Nadu	36.40	1.82	38.22
22.	Tripura	1.67	1.12	2.79
23.	Uttar Pradesh	71.10	60.05	131.15
24.	West Bengal	10.33	32.70	43.03
25.	Goa	2.00	—	2.00
26.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	2.59	—	2.59
27.	Chandigarh	0.01	—	0.01
28.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0.12	—	0.12
29.	Delhi	0.14	0.01	0.75
30.	Daman and Diu	—	—	—
31.	Lakshadweep	—	—	—
32.	Pondicherry	0.03	—	0.03
33.	Total	1,266.20	455.55 14.65**	1,721.15 15.65**
34.	Grand Total	1,266.20	470.20	1,736.40

**There is no state-wise breakup for this area—mostly sandy soils,