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2	जनखारी जलाशय	सुरत	1030.34	राज्य को टिप्पणियां 5-9-1975 और 30-6-1976 को भेजी गई थीं। जल-विज्ञान निदेशालय की और टिप्पणियां 18-5-78 को भेजी गई थीं। उत्तरों की प्रतीक्षा है।
3	भादर	राजकोट	417.29	राज्य को और टिप्पणियां 22-2-78 को भेजी गई थीं।
4	बतरक	साबरकंठा	1000.00	टिप्पणियां राज्य को 22-7-78 को भेजी गई थीं।
5	नवगाम	बरोच	29161.00	राज्य सरकार द्वारा परियोजना के विस्तार को प्रन्तिम रूप नमंदा न्यायाधिकरण के पंचाट के संदर्भ में दिया जाना है।
<b>बध्धन</b>				
1	हारमावे चरण दो	साबरकंठा	90.35	7-7-76 की हुई अन्तर्राज्जीय बैठक में लिए गए निर्णयों के आधार पर संशोधित रिपोर्ट राज्य सरकार से अभी प्राप्त नहीं हुई है।
2	भादर	पंचमहल	336.42	संशोधित परियोजना रिपोर्ट अभी प्राप्त नहीं हुई है। राजस्थान के साथ अन्तर्राज्जीय पहलु निहित है।

### Area under Cotton and its Production

4718. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the area under cultivation of cotton State-wise, for 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1978-79 and the estimated production for 1976-77 and 1977-78;

(b) the quantum of cotton imported during these years and the estimated cost thereof;

(c) whether the Government have formulated integrated scheme for increasing production of cotton in the country and details thereof along with financial and physical achievements, year-wise, for the last 3 years;

(d) whether the Government have taken action to ensure fair return/remunerative prices of the cotton to the cotton producers in the country and details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government have received any proposal in this regard?

seeking Central Assistance and the reaction of the Government thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA):** (a) Statements (I and II) showing State-wise final estimates of area and production of cotton for the year 1976-77 and preliminary estimates of area under the crop in 1976-77 and 1977-78 are placed on the table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2713/78]. Similar information for 1978-79 has not yet become available. The area under cotton in India during 1977-78 is higher by 10.7 per cent compared to the corresponding estimate for 1976-77. According to the current assessment, the production of cotton (lint) in India during 1977-78 is likely to be around 69 to 70 lakh bales of 170 Kgs. each as against 57.81 lakh bales in the previous year.

(b) During the cotton season 1976-77, the Cotton Corporation of India contracted for import of 11.61 lakh bales of cotton valued at Rs. 318 crores. Out of this, 8.18 lakh bales of cotton was imported during 1976-77 and spill over quantity of 2.07 lakh bales of cotton has been received during 1977-78. As regard 1978-79, there is no proposal at present to import cotton.

(c) For increasing cotton production in the country, a comprehensive Intensive Cotton District Programme (ICDP) sponsored by the Government of India is being implemented in all the major cotton growing States since 1971-72. During 1978-79, this programme is being implemented in 24 districts (8 irrigated and 16 rain-fed) in nine major cotton growing States at a total cost of Rs. 5.50 crores. During the current year, a production target of 75 lakh bales has been fixed. Cotton is also sought to be introduced in non-traditional areas like West Bengal, Orissa and Bihar. The pattern of financial assistance provided under the scheme and physical and financial targets and achievements made from 1975-76 to 1977-78 as well

as targets for 1978-79 are given in the Statements (III and IV) placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2713/78].

(d) and (e). With a view to protecting the interests of cotton producers in the country, the Government have been fixing minimum support price for cotton (Kapas) on the recommendations of the Agricultural Prices Commission which inter alia, considers the available estimates of average cost of production of the crop, possible changes in input prices and the changes effected in the administered prices for competing crops and the various suggestions made by the State Governments. For the 1977-78 cotton season, the Government of India fixed a minimum support price of Rs. 255 per quintal for the Punjab American 320-F variety. Consequent on the decline in the prices of cotton generally since March 1976, representations from Gujarat, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Punjab etc. were received by the Government requesting that Cotton Corporation of India should make purchases of cotton lying unsold in the market. The matter was considered at the highest level and the Government permitted the C.C.I. to intervene in the market not only when the market prices fall to support levels but even when they are approximating support prices. The C.C.I. has been asked to make purchase of cotton both for sale to N.T.C. and non-N.T.C. mills. The Government has also increased the limits of cotton stocks that can be held by the mills

#### Financial aid for Agricultural Universities in Maharashtra

4719. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) scheme-wise details of proposals submitted by the Agricultural Universities in Maharashtra to the I.C.A.R. seeking financial assistance during 1978-79 and the number of