

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) and (b). The draft Medium Term Plan (1978—83) envisages creation of an additional irrigation potential of 17 million hectares, out of which 8 million hectares will be from major and medium irrigation schemes and 9 million hectares from minor irrigation schemes. The annual average will be 3.4 million hectares of additional irrigation potential.

(c) The requisite information is as under:—

Annual average	(Million hectares)
First Plan period	0.73
Second and Third Plan periods	0.73
Annual Plan period (1966—69)	1.18
Fourth Plan period	1.41
Fifth Plan period (1974—78)	2.03

Twin-Phased National Seeds Project

2858. SHRI SARAT KAR:

SHRI D. D. DESAI:

SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE
PATIL:

SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Seeds Corporation's ambitious twin-phased National Seeds Project is facing a slow death because of failure in implementation and utilization of World Bank Credit; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the poor response in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

Functionally Oriented Adult Education Programme

2859. SHRI RUDOLPH
RODRIGUES:

SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts (State-wise) where functionally oriented adult-education programmes have been initiated since October, 1973;

(b) the number of people reached by these programmes thus far; and

(c) the number of people employed/recruited for the implementation of these programmes, and what percentage of these are (i) students (ii) women?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) and (b). Rural Functional Literacy Projects, funded on cent per cent basis by the Central Government have been started in 206 districts and adult education programmes have been taken up by 134 Nehru Yuvak Kendras in as many districts. In addition 460 voluntary agencies have been sanctioned adult education projects by the Central Government. The State Governments are also organising adult education projects in several districts out of their own funds. Moreover, a large number of universities and colleges have initiated action for taking up adult education programmes. By and large, it can be stated that adult education programmes have been, or would soon be, started in practically all the districts of the country. The target for 1978-79 was set at 15 lakhs

but the actual achievement would become known only after the close of the financial year.

(c) For each adult education centre having an enrolment of about 30 adults, there will be one part-time instructor; for about 30 centres there will be one full-time supervisor; and for a project upto 300 centres there will be one full-time Project Officer with supporting staff ranging from 3—5 full-time employees. In addition, full-time staff would also be appointed at the Central, State and District levels for strengthening of administrative structures and other supportive services. Various categories of persons are to be employed for the running of adult education centres including unemployed village youth, school teachers, development functionaries, retired personnel and students. As the programme gives high priority to the organisation of adult education centres for women, the State Governments and other implementation agencies are expected to appoint as many women as possible against the various positions created for implementation of the programme. However, no percentage has been fixed for the employment of students and women.

Seed Shortage

2860. SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD VERMA:
SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Seeds Shortage in many part of the country; and

(b) if so, the positive measures Government propose to take to fulfil the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To meet the requirements on a long-term basis, a comprehensive National Seeds Project has been launched. In addition to the National Seeds Corporation and the State Farms Corporation of India, 9 State Governments are participants in the project. Besides, a large number of agricultural universities and research institutions are also participating in the Project. Under this programme, a planned attempt is being made to develop a broad-based network of seed production covering all facts of seed industry including quality control, seed certification, processing, storage and marketing, production of foundation and breeder seed, etc. etc. It is expected that the production of seed will go up by almost 5 times of the volume of seed production.

2. In order to meet the situation created by natural calamities like floods, droughts, disease outbreak, crop failures etc. which create a sudden spurt in the demand for seeds, a Reserve Stock Scheme for foundation and certified seeds has been chalked out at a cost of Rs. 258 lakhs. Under this scheme, 3,000 quintals of foundation seed and 37,200 quintals of certified seed will be kept in reserve.

राष्ट्र मण्डल देशों का शिक्षा-सम्मेलन

2861. श्री रीत लाल प्रसाद वर्मा : क्या शिक्षा, समाज कल्याण और संस्कृति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) जनवरी-फरवरी, 1979 में दिल्ली में आयोजित अनौपचारिक शिक्षा सम्मेलन में राष्ट्रमण्डल देशों के प्रति निधियों द्वारा जिन महत्वपूर्ण विषयों पर निर्णय लिये गये, उनका व्यौरा क्या है और इस सम्मेलन में कितने राष्ट्र मण्डल देशों के प्रति निधियों ने भाग लिया ; और

(ख) शिक्षा को राजनीति से अलग रखने के लिए भारत सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार है जिससे आम आदमी को निष्पक्ष रूप से उसका लाभ प्राप्त हो सके ?

शिक्षा, समाज कल्याण और संस्कृति मंत्री (डा० प्रताप चन्द्र जन्म) : (क) जनवरी-फरवरी, 1979 में दिल्ली में विकास के लिए अनौपचारिक शिक्षा पर हुए राष्ट्रमण्डलीय सम्मेलन में 27