

NARAIN SINGH: (a) and (b). No, Sir. But Government have set up an Apex Committee on the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade (1981-90) for policy formulation and guidance of the programmes to be initiated during the Decade. The Committee has constituted three Working Groups— one on Financial Resources, the second on Materials and Equipment and the third on Programmes and Manpower to make recommendations on these aspects of the Decade Programme.

Piped Water Supply in Kali Bari Government Quarters

9548. **SHRI MOTI LAL SINGH:**

SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL:

SHRI R. P. PANIKA:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether water supply to Government quarters of Kali Bari, New Delhi and surrounding area is limited to a very little time by the C.P.W.D.;

(b) if so, why this discrimination against the low paid employees residing there; and

(c) whether Government propose to take steps to avoid the difficulties of residents there?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a). Depending upon the availability of water from the N.D.M.C., the C.P.W.D. adjusts the timings.

(b) Water supply is equally distributed to all the flats irrespective of their type and there is no such discrimination.

(c) Increased water supply through a bigger pipe line is being arranged

from NDMC. Besides, overhead tanks are under construction in the area, which would improve the distribution of water.

Fall in area under Tobacco

9549. **SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:**

SHRI B. V. DESAI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the area under tobacco has been dwindling during the last three years;

(b) if so, the fall in the production of tobacco during the last three years, year-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial measures proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Production of tobacco during the last three years was as under:

(Thousand tonnes)

Year	Production
1977-78	493.6
1978-79	453.8
1979-80	446.9

The fall in production is due to decline in area under virginia tobacco in Andhra Pradesh. In virginia tobacco there has been some diversions of area in black soil tract of Andhra Pradesh to crops like cotton etc., firstly because of availability of irrigation from Nagarjun Sagar and secondly, because of change in quality preference for virginia flue-cured tobacco which is preferably taken up as a dry crop.