

Drinking water facilities

841. SHRI B. D. SINGH;
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Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the anticipated achievement in respect of the Fifth Plan targets for providing drinking water facilities and sanitation improvement both in the urban and rural area;

(b) the reasons for the shortfall, if any, stating the areas (with States) where progress in this respect has been unsatisfactory; and

(c) the plan, if any, drawn up by Government to meet the gap between demand and supply of drinking water and also to bring about sanitation improvements keeping pace with the anticipated growth of the population in the country in the eighties?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) and (b). The revised Fifth Five Year Plan (1974-79) had provided an outlay of Rs. 920.41 crores under the State Sector and Rs. 10.27 crores under the Central Sector. However, the plan was terminated in 1978. The actual expenditure for the period 1974-78 was of the order of Rs. 770 crores.

(c) During the Sixth Plan period, the effect will be to provide drinking water supply to all the problem villages in the country. During the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade 1981-90, it is proposed to provide safe drinking water and improved sanitation to the maximum number of the population in the urban and rural areas, consistent with the availability of resources.

Intrusion by Pakistani vessel in Indian waters near Lakhpat Kutch

842. SHRI A. T. PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether, on or about 1st January, 1981, about thirtyone Pakistani mechanised vessels entered Indian Waters near Lakhpt in Kutcl. District, fired on Indian Fishing boats and robbed them;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to ensure safety of Indian fishing boats and to prevent such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION, (SHRI R. V. SWAMI-NATHAN): (a) It has been reported that on 1st January, 1981, some Pakistani mechanised vessels had an encounter with four Indian fishing vessels off Lakhpat in Kutch district in which one Indian vessel was damaged, the tindal injured and the goods worth Rs. 8,400 were robbed.

(b) The Ministry of External Affairs have already brought this to the notice of our Embassy in Islamabad.

(c) Patrolling is being intensified.

Sinking of Indian fishing boat by Sri Lanka Vessel

843. SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian fishing trawler was sunk by a Sri Lanka vessel near the island Kachchativu on January 14, 1981 resulting in the loss of life of one Indian fisherman;

(b) whether another Indian fishing boat was also sunk at Kachchativu in March last year; and