

recommended to the farmers. Inclusion of legumes in crop rotations has also been advocated to enrich the soil. In general it may be stated that the above recommended steps will continue to sustain the soil fertility in our crop land.

Survey Conducted on requirement of Drinking Water in States

3167. SHRI ARJUN SETHI : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey regarding the total requirement of drinking water in the various states ;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to augment the present water supply to meet the requirement ;

(c) whether any agreement has been effected with some neighbouring States ; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH) :

(a) and (b). Drinking water supply is a State subject and the total requirement of drinking water is assessed by State Governments. Steps for augmentation of water supply are also to be taken by the State Governments. During the Sixth Five Year Plan (1980-85), the outlay for the Water Supply and Sanitation sector has been stepped up considerably to Rs. 3922.02 crores as against Rs. 1030.68 crores in the Fifth Plan (1974-79).

(c) and (d). Presumably, this part of the question relates to the sharing of water of inter-state rivers. If so, such agreements generally cover the requirements of irrigation and are entered into as and when necessary.

Irrigation potential in Sixth Plan

3168. SHRI ARJUN SETHI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated a massive irrigation plan for development of irrigation potential in the country during the Sixth Five Year Plan ;

(b) If so, the details regarding the advice tendered by the Planning Commission for the approval of the Union Government, for the plan, State-wise ;

(c) the total outlay thereof ;

(d) what are the main features of the proposed plan ; and

(e) the details of the schedule for implementation Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The financial outlays and targets of additional potential accepted by the Planning Commission are given in Statement enclosed.

(d) The main features are as under :

(i) Expeditious completion of as many on going major schemes as technically and financially feasible completion of all on going medium schemes excepting some of them taken up during the last two or three years of the Plan which may spill over into Seventh Plan.

(ii) taking up work of modernisation of irrigation systems in a phased manner.

(iii) Optimisation of benefits through better operation of existing systems and conjunctive use of surface and ground waters and adoption of Warabandi.