(c) It is targetted to cover the rest of the problem villages with drinking water supply by the end of the Sixth Plan Period-31-3-1985.

The detailed planning is done by the State Government as the execution of the schemes is their responsibility.
(d) No additional villages have been reported.
(e) Does not arise.

## Area under irrisation

1028. SHRI CUMBUM N. NATARAJAN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:
(a) the estimated water resources in the country and area useable for irrigation and the irrigated area;
(b) a statement showing total area under irrigation from different sources of irrigation with 1951 as the base year;
(c) whether it is a fact that out of total schemes taken up for execution only half of them have been completed; if so, the reasons therefor; and
(c) a list of major irrigation projects with their year of completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The estimated water resource in the country is about 178 million hectare metres.

The area useable for irrigation that is the land (that can be ultimately irrigated) is 113 million hectares.

As per the latest statistics published by the Economic and Statistics Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, the gross irrigated area in 1977-78 was 45.91 million hectares.
(b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House (Statement-I).
(c) Yes, Sir. The important reasons for this are-
(i) Proliferation of projects under construction by the State resulting in thin spreading of financial, managerial and technical resources.
(ii) Large escalations in costs of projects which were found to occur due to large scale rise in cost of labour, materials, equipments, spares land etc.
(iii) Lack of thorough investigations prior to taking up of the projects.
(iv) Difficulties in land acquisition.
(v) Non-availability of scarce materials like cement, steel, explosives, machinery, spares, foreign exchange etc.
(vi) Changes in scope of projects during implementation due to inadequate planning, including adaition of drainage arrangements and flood protection to command areas.
(vii) Lack of construction planning and mronitoring organisations.
(viii) Lack of detailed plan and estimates for the distribution systems. and structures thereon.
(d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House (Statement II).

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(P) Provisuonal.


**See under Beas Unit II (Rajasthan) at item 36.

## .. Forward trading in raw Jute and. Hessian

1029. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:
(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that illegal forward trading in raw jute and hessian continues to operate on a large scale at present; and
(b) if so, what steps have been taken to stops this illegal trade in different parts of the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BRAJA MOHAN MOHANTY): (a) Yes, Sir.
(b). Incidence of illegal forward trading in raw jute and hessian is maxithim; in and around Calcutta. Inlegai forward trading is nomally conducted under the garb of commodities in which forward trading is legally permitted through recognised associations. In the case of raw jute and hessian, the East India Jute and Hessian Exchange Limited, Calcutta, has been recognised by the Government of India for conducting hedge- or futures trading in sacking bags only and transferable and non-transferable specific delivery contracts in raw jute, sessian and sacking bags. In actual practice, however, futures or hedge trading takes place both in raw jute and jute goods (whereas such trading is permissible for sacking bags only). For checking this illegal forward

