

16. **Modernisation of Parbati Canal System** Replies to Central Water Commission comments received in September 1981 and are under examination in Central Water Commission.
17. **Medernisation of Gambhiri Canal System** Replies to Central Water Commission comments received in November 1981 and are under examination in Central Water Commission.
- B. Medium Schemes**
18. **Gararda Irrigation** Accepted by Advisory Committee of Planning Commission. Approval awaited from Planning Commission.
19. **Parwan Lift Irrigation Scheme**)
 20. **Sukli Irrigation Project**) These schemes have been examined in Central Water Commission and forwarded to Planning Commission for consideration of Advisory Committee of the Planning Commission.
21. **Bandi Sendra Irrigation**) Clarifications/replies to comments of Central Water Commission are awaited from the State Government.
 22. **Barni Irrigation**)

**Financial Assistance to Rajasthan
for construction of Rural
Houses**

**THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND
WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI
BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH) :**

2448. **SHRI JAI NARAYAN ROAT :** Will the Minister of **WORKS AND HOUSING** be pleased to state :

(a) The central assistance to the States is given in the form of block grants and block loans without being tied to any scheme and the State Governments are free to utilise the same on the basis of their own requirements and priorities. The Central Govt. also arranges loan assistance to the States for various housing schemes through its financial institutions like the HUDCO LIC & GIC. The details of such assistance given to Rajasthan for both rural and urban housing during the past four years are as under :—

(a) the year-wise details of the financial assistance given to Rajasthan by the Central Government for construction of rural houses during the last four years ;

(b) the number of houses constructed by Rajasthan Government during the aforesaid period ;

(c) the amount allocated to Rajasthan under the head in the Sixth Five Year Plan ; and

(d) the time by which the State Government propose to solve the problem of rural houses in Rajasthan ?

	(Rs. in crores)		
	HUDCO	LIC	GIC
1977-78	8.76	1.20	—
1978-79	9.12	1.20	0.60
1979-80	10.42	1.32	—
1980-81	4.85	1.55	1.228

(b) The information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) The approved outlay for housing in Rajasthan for the Sixth Five Year Plan is Rs. 24.85 crores of which Rs. 4.75 crores are for Minimum Needs Programme of House Sites-cum-House Construction Assistance for Rural Landless Workers.

(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Propagation of Modern Technology in Agriculture and Rural Development in Rajasthan

2449. SHRI JAI NARAYAN ROAT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) to what extent the modern technology in agriculture and rural development has been propagated in the rural areas in the Rajasthan State ;

(b) whether periodical camps are organised at the block level in the Rajasthan State for disseminating information to the farmers and rural youths ; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R.V. SWAMINATHAN) : (a) The transfer of technology in Agriculture is now done through a systematic approach (Training & Visit) in 17 revenue districts of Rajasthan. The Extension Workers are trained regularly once every fortnight and carry relevant messages to the farmers in their fortnightly scheduled visits. The purpose

of this transfer technology is to educate farmers in modern technology for increasing the over all production of major crops grown in particular areas and thereby raise the level of farm income.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research through its various programmes such as Lab to Land Programme, National Demonstration Project, Operational Research Projects, Training of practising farmers has been propagating modern technology in agriculture and rural development in the rural areas in the State.

In addition, farmers are also given training through the Farmers Training Centres, Gramsevak Training Centres, Yuvak Mandals, Mahila Mandals and Charcha Mandals, etc.

(b) Periodical camps are organised at the cluster level.

(c) Subject Matter Specialists/ Agricultural Demonstrators talk to farmers about the packages of practices, improved implements etc. in the camps that are Organised periodically.

Training Camps of Village Extension Workers are also organised every fortnight for equipping them to transmit the technology to be followed by the farmers in the next fortnight. They regularly visit their villages and pass on the information through contact farmers and group meetings.

Increase in Crop Diseases and Pests on Introduction of Hybrid Cereals

2451. SHRI SATYENDRA NASAYAN SINHA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether crop diseases and pests have increased as a result of