

at present, to import sugar. Monthly sugar releases are made keeping in view availability and demand. It has been decided, in principle, to create a buffer stock, during the current sugar year, to the extent possible.

Energisation of Pump sets and Tube-wells

2520. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government plans to energise 5.3 million electric pump sets by 1983 besides 45,000 deep public tubewells ;

(b) if so, whether Government also considers measures to ensure regular power supply to most of these wells now running at half of their efficiency because of irregular supply;

(c) if so, whether it is a fact that some States with 20 per cent of the total ground water resources had half of the total number pump sets in the country; and

(d) if so, what are the other measures being considered in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) Energisation of pump sets is a continuing process along with installation of new wells, tube wells, etc. The State Electricity Boards carry out the energisation programme in almost all the States in the country.

During the Sixth Plan (1980-85), the number of electrical pump sets (which also includes these installed on deep public tubewells) is proposed to be increased by 2.5 million numbers from 3.95 million (March, 1980) to 6.45 million (March, 1985). By the end of March, 1983, it is proposed to energise 5.24 million pump sets in all,

including about 45,000 public tube-wells.

(b) Power supply to agricultural pump sets will be done by respective State Electricity Boards. It is already included in Group A which is the highest priority category as per guidelines issued by the Central Government to the States. It has also been emphasised by the Central Government that utmost priority needs to be given for power supply for agriculture and that a minimum power supply for 8 to 10 hours per day be ensured.

(c) It is true that some of the States have gone ahead faster in the programme of energisation of irrigation pumpsets and successfully exploited a higher percentage of their ground water potential. This is mainly because of paucity of any other source of water for irrigation.

(d) In the Sixth Plan (1980-85), due emphasis has been laid for accelerating the energisation of pump sets among the States which have larger un-utilised ground water potential and also for conjunctive use of ground and surface water.

Recommendations of National Commission on Agriculture

2511. SHRI B. V. DESAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the recommendations of the National Commission on Agriculture had been accepted by Government ; and

(b) if so, what are the recommendations so far examined and implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN) : (a) So far, out of 2361 recommendations made by the

National Commission on Agriculture, 1990 recommendations or roughly 84% of the total have been accepted and 25 recommendations or 1.1% have not been accepted by the Government. The remaining recommendations are under consideration.

(b) Of the recommendations accepted, 1814 recommendations have been implemented or are being acted upon by the Central as well as the State Governments. These relate to various aspects of agriculture covering crops, animal husbandry, fisheries and forestry as well as infrastructure, marketing and services.

New Varieties of Wheat

2522. SHRI B.V. DESAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wheat scientists have identified 8 new varieties of wheat for different agro-climatic conditions for extensive field tests and seed multiplications during the coming Rabi season;

(b) if so, the details of the same;

(c) whether these varieties were introduced during Rabi season of 1980-81 and the tests made were successful;

(d) if so, whether Government are now considering to introduce them in other States also; and

(e) if so, whether under the scheme the wheat production will be introduced in other States also where such production was not possible so far?

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

(b) Based on the results of the tests conducted under the All India Coordinated Wheat Improvement Project during past few years including rabi 1980-81, wheat Scientists have identified 8 new varieties in the 20th All India Wheat Workers' Workshop held at Pune in August, 1981. These have been identified for the areas and conditions indicated below:

<i>Variety</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Production Conditions</i>
HD-2285	Northern Plains Zone Punjab, Plains of Jammu, Delhi, Western U. P., Eastern Haryana (Kurukshetra Ambala, Karnal and Sonapat districts) Alwar, Bharatpur and Sriganganagar districts of Rajasthan and Gwalior, Bhind & Morena districts of M. P.	Late sown, good fertility, irrigated conditions
WL-2265	do	Timely sown, low fertility, rainfed conditions
DL-153-2	do	do
WH-291	North Western Plains Zone Entire Rajasthan (except the district of Alwar, Bharatpur & Sriganganagar and Kota and Udaipur Divisions),	Late sown, good fertility, irrigated conditions.