

distributed among the affected families. The State Government also sanctioned house building grants for repair of the houses damaged. Also ex-gratia grant upto a maximum of Rs. 1500 has been sanctioned to the bereaved families. The State Government have taken steps for conversion and rescheduling of the cooperative loans outstanding against the persons affected.

#### **Transfer of Rights Through Power of Attorney**

2521. SHRI KAMAL NATH: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that allottees of plots are transferring their rights in violation of the terms of the lease by execution of irrevocable power of Attorney in favour of the purchasers for a very high price; and

(b) whether representations have been received by the Delhi Administration/DDA for checking this illegal transaction, if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### **News captioned "Development of New Strains of Cattle"**

2522. SHRI K. A. RAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ICAR developed new strains of cattle of higher milk production and also new strains of Sheep for higher and better wool production and poultry if so, the details thereof (Time of India): 2 January, 1982; and

(b) the total number of cattle, sheep and birds of the new breeds which has been released in the market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Two strains of cattle namely, Karan Swiss and Karan Fries have been evolved at the National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal. Karan Swiss and Karan Fries are the result of inter-breeding of half-breds of local Sahiwal cows and American Brown Swiss bulls and local Tharparkar cows with Friesian bulls. Karan Swiss yields, on an average, 3077 litres of milk in 305 days. Karan Fries yields 3600 litres in 305 days.

Two strains of sheep namely, Avivastra and Avikalin have been developed at the Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute, Avikanagar. Avivastra and Avikalin are the result of inter-breeding of half-breds of local Chokla ewes and Rambouillet rams and local Malpura ewes and Rambouillet rams respectively. Avivastra and Avikalin yield, on an average 2.3 and 1.9 kg. of apparel and superior carpet wools, respectively.

Regarding poultry, the Strain Release Committee has recommended this year for the release of two strains namely, a layer strain, ILI 80, from the Central Avian Research Institute, Izatnagar and a broiler strain, IBL 80, from the All India Coordinated Research Project on Poultry Centre at the Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana. The strain ILI 80 produces, on an average, 260 and 265 eggs on hen house and hen day basis, respectively, upto 500 days of age. The strain IBL 80 attains a body weight of over 1-1½ kg. in 8 weeks. The strains have been developed under All India Coordinated Research Project on Poultry Breeding through intra-population selection of a number of strains followed by their crossing.

(b) The number of Karan Swiss cattle released through sale upto September, 1981 are as under:

Bulls/bull calves . . . . .	204
Cows . . . . .	716
Heifers . . . . .	31
Male calves . . . . .	1229

The number of semen doses of bulls of Karan Swiss and Karan Fries supplied to Extension Centres, Operational Research Project and Key Village areas for insemination from 1977 to February 1982 are as under:

Karan Swiss . . . . .	27,854 doses
Karan Fries . . . . .	13,220 doses

The number of Avivastra and Avikalın sheep supplied to Operational Research Project and State Departments of Sheep and Wool/Animal Husbandry are as under:

Avivastra } Rams . . . . .	574
Avikalın Rams . . . . .	148

Poultry strains ILI 80 and IBL 80 have been recommended on 30th January, 1982 for release and, therefore, the number supplied is nil.

#### **Encouraging Cultivation of Wheat in Rice-belt of Orissa**

2523. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wheat has become popular among the farmers;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to increase the production of wheat in the rice growing state;

(c) the strategy adopted so far for the expansion of wheat cultivation in Orissa; and

(d) the details thereof?

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

(b) to (d). The steps being taken to increase the production of wheat in paddy growing States, including Orissa are: (i) exploitation of ground water potential; (ii) timely provision of inputs, particularly seeds of high yielding varieties and fertilisers in adequate quantities; and (iii) implementation of the Central Sector Scheme of Establishment of Community Nurseries of Rice to ensure timely sowing of both paddy and wheat crops.

#### **Soil Erosion in Catchments of Inter-State Rivers**

2524. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the seriousness of the problem of soil erosion in the catchments of inter-state rivers and that the State Governments are not asking adequate measures as the scheme is not fully funded by Central Government;

(b) whether Government would consider earmarking of funds for the catchments in the respective States so that the programme is not neglected; and

(c) the expenditure during the last three years by Government of Madhya Pradesh and Government of Orissa on protection of catchment of river Mahanadi, whether this expenditure by each State is proportionate to the area of catchment in the respective States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Soil Conservation in the catchments of River