

(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