

(c) what are the details in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) Central Food Technological Research Institute Mysore has supplied design details to 27 parties all over the country for fabrication of the destoner.

(c) The equipment works on the principle of density separation. The blue prints of the destoner are available to the industry from Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore on payment.

Central Assistance for Coconut Development in Kerala

4520. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Kerala has submitted a Coconut Development programme with 50 per cent Central assistance ; and

(b) if so, details and Government's reaction ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Kerala has requested that the following three schemes may be taken up as Centrally Sponsored Schemes :

- (i) Comprehensive Coconut Development Programme;
- (ii) Comprehensive Spraying for the control of leaf rot disease of coconut ;

(iii) Procurement and distribution of quality coconut seedlings.

The proposals are being examined.

Pilferage of Cement of DDA

4521. SHRI KRISHNA PRATAP SINGH : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of D.D.A. cement pilfered during the last three years ; and

(b) the total number of persons arrested so far in this connection and what action has been taken against them ?

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

Allocation of Funds for Laying of Canals by Madhya Pradesh Government

4522. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that while the Rs. 170 crore Rajghat scheme is coming up, Madhya Pradesh Government are handicapped in laying the canals for utilisation of the irrigation potential to be created thereby, for want of funds ;

(b) if so, whether Madhya Pradesh Government have submitted any proposals for laying the requisite canals, if so, the details and cost thereof ; and

(c) what is the amount of funds sanctioned by Central Government for the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) :
(a) Yes, Sir. In the Sixth Plan against a spillover cost of Rs. 45.89 crores for Rajghat Canal Project, the State Government have proposed an outlay of Rs. 6 crores only.

(b) Yes, Sir. Madhya Pradesh Government have prepared the report on Rajghat Canal Project, which is estimated to cost Rs. 46.15 crores to provide Annual irrigation to an area of 1.21 lakh hectares. The project report has already been considered by Advisory Committee of the Planning Commission. Concurrence of Uttar Pradesh to the alignment of the Canal in their territory is awaited.

(c) Irrigation is a State subject and funds for construction of Irrigation projects are provided by the State Governments in their overall development plans.

Progress of Major and Medium Irrigation Projects in Maharashtra

4523. SHRI A. T. PATIL: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) progress of major and medium irrigation projects under execution in Maharashtra during last three years (year-wise); and

(b) steps taken by Government of India to accelerate the execution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI):
(a) Four major and 24 medium projects were completed during the last three years; while progress

continued on the other ongoing major/medium projects. The outlay provided and benefits achieved during the last 3 years has been as under:—

Year	Outlay (in Rs. crores)	Additional benefits (In hectares)
1979-80	150.00	49000
1980-81	175.27	83000
1981-82	213.73	109000 (anticipated)

(b) Irrigation is a State subject and it is for the State Government to provide adequate funds to accelerate the execution of irrigation projects.

Central Assistance to States for Housing and Slum Improvement

4524. SHRIMATI USHA PRAKASH CHOUDHARI : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra State Government had requested the centre for assistance to intensify its programmes of housing and slum improvement basic amenities to slums and removal of huts;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to give suitable directives to the Reserve Bank to extend assistance to the State;

(c) whether the Centre also propose to increase the funds for this programme; and

(d) what are the details in this regard ?