

नलकूप) लगाए जाने चाहिए। इस प्रयोजनार्थ उपकरण संबंधित राज्य सरकारों के पास स्थलों के रूप में उपलब्ध हैं। एटी योजना के दौरान यह लक्ष्य है कि पता लगाए गए सभी समस्याग्रस्त ग्रामों को पेय जल का कम से कम एक स्रोत उपलब्ध करा कर पेय जल मुहैया कराया जाय। बिहार सरकार द्वारा भेजी गई सूचना के अनुसार वर्ष 1980-81 और 1981-82 में पालामू, गया और हजारीबाग के जिलों के निम्नलिखित समस्याग्रस्त ग्रामों में जलपूर्ति मुहैया की गई थी :—

वर्ष	निम्नलिखित जिलों के लभान्वित समस्याग्रस्त ग्राम		
	पालामू जिला	गया जिला	हजारी- बाग जिला
1980-81	25	161	33
1981-82	112	105	72
कुल	137	266	105

EXPORT OF FINE VARIETY OF RICE BY
ANDHRA PRADESH RICE MILLERS

3757. SHRI P. RAJGOPAL NAIDU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any representation from the rice millers of Andhra Pradesh requesting them to export fine varieties of surplus rice which is with them; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI) : (a) Yes, Sir. A request from the President, East Godavari District Rice Millers' Association, to allow them to export 40,000 tonnes of superfine variety of rice has been received.

(b) The request is not covered by the existing export policy of rice, according to which export of non-basmati rice is to be made exclusively through the Food Corporation of India on Government to Government basis.

DEVELOPMENT OF PEARL CULTURAL
INDUSTRY

3758. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have plans to establish on commercial scale oyster development as a pearl culture Industry; if so where and when; and

(b) what plans have been drawn to protect and develop the natural beds of oyster production in the Gulf of Manner and the Gulf of Kutch, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN) : (a) and (b) The development of oyster fishery for Pearl Culture is taken up by the States in areas found suitable for the culture. A pilot project for the commercial production of cultured pearls has been taken up by the Government of Tamil Nadu in the Gulf of Manner. The Government of Gajarat are conducting culture experiments since 1979.

At present oyster beds in the Gulf of Mannar and the Gulf of Kutch are being protected and preserved by the respective State Governments.

PLAN TO COLLABORATE WITH FOREIGN
COUNTRIES IN CAPTIVE BREEDING OF
HOUBARA BUSTARD

3759. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any plan to collaborate with Gulf or any other foreign country for "captive breeding" of the Houbara Bustard akin to great Indian Bustard;

(b) whether the Indian Board of Wildlife has strongly objected the lifting of ban on the hunting of bustards; and

(c) if so, the decision taken by Government on these points ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN) : (a) The Houbara Bustard is actually a winter immigrant to