

(c) The production of lac during 1958-59 was 9,27,500 mds (provisional)

Surface Drainage Schemes in Orissa

1241. Shri Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 3071 on the 15th April, 1959 and state

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has submitted any surface drainage schemes for implementation in 1959-60, and

(b) if so, what are those schemes, and

(c) whether those schemes have been considered by the Central Flood Control Board?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathl): (a) and (b). Only one scheme, namely, construction of a channel near Nuagaon and Padmanavpur connecting Brahmini with Pathasala, estimated to cost Rs 19,650, has been received from the State Government

(c) The Central Water and Power Commission has examined the scheme and called for some additional information from the State Chief Engineer. On receipt of his reply, the technical examination of the scheme will be completed and steps will be taken to approve the scheme for Central loan assistance. This is a minor Scheme and does not require the approval of the Central Flood Control Board.

Minor Irrigation Schemes in Orissa

1242. Shri Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Central Government that in Orissa various types of minor irrigation schemes have not made adequate progress during the Second Five Year Plan period so far,

(b) whether Government have made any suggestions to the Orissa Government to expedite the work of minor irrigation schemes, and

(c) if so, with what result?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes Sir

(b) and (c) The progress of Minor Irrigation Schemes was reviewed at the Regional Minor Irrigation Conference held in August, 1958 at Calcutta, where it was observed that the progress on these schemes in the State particularly in the Community Development areas was slow, due to various difficulties like acute shortage of technical personnel, rigidity about quantum of people's participation, etc. The State Government have since taken necessary action to expedite the works on Minor Irrigation Schemes. They have set up a Minor Irrigation Directorate at State level and have effected some reorganisation of the engineering personnel in the Districts, as a result of which the pace of work has since been accelerated.

Groundwater Exploration in Orissa

1243. Shri Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 3424 on the 23rd April 1959 and state

(a) whether groundwater exploration work carried in districts of Balasore and Cuttack in Orissa is proposed to be extended to other districts of Orissa,

(b) whether the 12 production tubewells dug under this scheme in these two districts are working properly, and

(c) whether a statement will be laid on the Table showing the places where these tubewells are located?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes, provided the areas are considered geologically favourable for the occurrence of productive water bearing formations and surface irrigation is not

likely to be provided in the foreseeable future

(b) The tubewells have not started working as pump-sets are yet to be installed

(c) The 12 production tubewells are located at the following sites

Location	Distri t
1. Balasore	Balasore
2. Remuna	Do.
3. Basta	Do
4. Chandipur	Do
5. Scro	Do
6. Haldipada	Do
7. Agarpada	Do
8. Chandbah	Do
9. Nalgunda	Do
10. Palarikoli	Cuttack
11. Badegovindpur	Do
12. Palsa	Do.

Catching of Fish in Hirakud Reservoir

1244. **Shri Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 114 on the 11th February, 1959 and state whether the results of catching fish in Hirakud Reservoir have been assessed by now?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. F. Jain): It is too early yet to assess the results, as the reservoir will take ten years to develop a good population of fish with sufficient natural food. However, recent experimental fishing operations have shown encouraging results. The total landing of fish was 6,448 lbs during the period from November, 1958 to March, 1959.

Milk Powder Factories

1245. **Shri Nagi Reddy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) whether a team of six FAO experts visited various places in the country for the establishment of Milk Powder Factories; and

(b) if so, what are their proposals?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. F. Jain): (a) Yes. A technical six-member Joint FAO-UNICEF Team visited Kanpur, Hyderabad, Vijayawada and Bangalore during April-May, 1959 for evaluating dairy schemes proposed for these cities.

(b) The Team recommended

- (i) the establishment of a dairy equipped to handle about 1250 mds. of milk daily in the first phase in each of the four cities,
- (ii) linking up of the Vijayawada and Hyderabad projects to make available surplus liquid milk of the former to the latter,
- (iii) Provision of equipment for the manufacture of products from surplus milk in each dairy;
- (iv) distribution of high protein-low fat content under each project to cater for the requirements of low income consumers,
- (v) procurement of milk to be handled by each dairy through rural producers' cooperatives;
- (vi) creation of a suitable administrative set up necessary to implement each project; and
- (vii) training of technical personnel required for each

A proposal formulated in the light of these recommendations for the Bangalore project is to be considered at the September, 1959 meetings of the UNICEF Executive Board. Proposals for the remaining projects are being formulated and will be submitted for assistance to UNICEF in due course.