

**ICAR Research Scheme on Camel**

2404. DR. A. U. AZMI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether ICAR has no information on Indian Camel's performance on Saudi King's gifted camel to P.M. ;

(b) whether any research scheme on Camel are financed out of ICAR funds and if so, the amount spent and duration of operation of the scheme and findings ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that ICAR has a camel breeding centre at Bikaner already ;

(d) how much expenditure has been made by ICAR at the Bikaner centre during 1980-81 and 1981-82 and with what results ;

(e) whether Press release in July 1982 was under Government permission and information given to press duly approved ; and

(f) how soon merit of Arabian Camels gifted to P.M. for camel improvement will be confirmed and what information has already been collected ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN) : (a) No Sir, the ICAR is aware that the two Camels received as gift are doing well since their arrival in India.

(b) A scheme entitled survey of Indian Camels in Punjab, Pepsu, Rajasthan, U.P., Bombay, Madhya Pradesh, Kutch, Saurashtra and Ajmer was in operation with headquarters at Jodhpur from 1954 to 1956. Another scheme entitled Development of Camel was in operation at the Camel Breeding

Farm, Bikaner (Rajasthan) from 1959 to 1965 and an amount of Rs. 4.15 lakhs was spent on this scheme, and some information on the performance of the Bikaneri Camel has become available.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No press release was issued.

(f) Since the two Arabian Camels are not meant for research, it will not be possible to confirm their merit for Camel improvement.

**Tapping of underground Water Resources**

2405. A. NEELALOHITHADASAN NADAR : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state :

(a) how much percentage of underground water resources is at present being tapped according to Government ;

(b) whether Government are having any definite scheme to tap the remaining underground water resources ; and

(c) if so, the details and how much amount is set apart in the Sixth Five Year Plan for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) According to present estimates, the ultimate irrigation potential from Ground Water Resources is 40 million ha., out of which 24.5 million ha. of irrigation potential has been created by the end of March 1982, which is 60.12 per cent.

(b) and (c). Water is a State subject hence the States are implementing the programme of ground