

India Coordinated Tribal Area Research Project was held at Akola from 31st January to 3rd February, 1983. The Scientists from different centres participated in the Workshop meeting.

(b) This is an All India Coordinated Project operating at 30 centres in different parts of the country. Its aims and objectives are to develop appropriate technologies through experimentation, for the socio-economic development of tribals in an integrated manner.

The action plans developed for implementation involve agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, health, hygiene, nutrition and small scale avocations. This project, apart from developing suitable technological models, imparts training to various development workers and to the tribal farmers.

(c) There are four centres sanctioned under this project for Maharashtra, viz., Dharni (Melghat), Chickaldara (Melghat), (Aheri Chandrapur District), Kinwat (Nanded District). All these centres are functioning from 1979-80. In addition, the project Coordinating Unit has been established at Amravati which is responsible for supervising, guiding and coordinating all the activities under this project at the national level.

Target Fixed for Providing Drinking Water to Problem Villages

5574. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) target laid down in the Sixth Plan for providing drinking water to problem villages in various States;

(b) the extent to which this target has since been achieved; and

(c) what efforts have been made to speed up the programme of supplying drinking water to all persons in the country ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN ARIF) : (a) During the Sixth Plan period effort will be made to provide at least one source of safe potable water to identified problem villages all over the country. This is target under the 20 point programme.

(b) According to the information made available by the State Governments, of the 2.31 lakh identified problem villages remaining to be covered as on 31.3.80, 79,864 problem villages have been provided with drinking water supply facilities upto the end of December, 1982.

(c) Supply of Drinking water to identified problem villages has been included in the 20 Point programme. The outlay for this programme has been increased considerably to Rs. 2007.11 crores in the 6th Plan compared to Rs. 429.27 crores in the 5th Plan (1974-79). The programme is closely monitored at the Central and State levels. Periodical conferences are also held with state Governments to speed up implementation of the programme. The number of problem villages provided with drinking water facilities has been showing significant improvement as will be seen from the following figures :—

Year	No. of problem villages covered.
1980-81	25978
1981-82	29837
1982-83	42000 (Target)
1983-84	48000 (tentative target)

एसेक्स फार्म को भूमि का आबंटन

5575. श्री निहाल सिंह : क्या निर्माण और आवास मन्त्री एसेक्स फार्म को भूमि आबंटन के बारे में 18 अक्टूबर, 1982 के