

2 नलकूपों, 5 नाड़ियों, 11 मरू सुरक्षा चौकियों का निर्माण किया गया है। अकाल में एक बुडफौसिल उद्यान में बाड़ लगाई गई है तथा उसका रख-रखाव किया जा रहा है।

(ख) राष्ट्रीय मरू-उद्यान का अभिप्राय अपविकसित प्राकृतिक मरूस्थल की पारिस्थितिक पद्धति को पुनः विकसित करना तथा इसके पेड़-पौधों एवं जीव-जन्तुओं को संरक्षण प्रदान करना है। उद्यान अभी भी निर्माणाधीन है। अतः लक्ष्यों की उपलब्धि में इसके प्रभाव का इतनी जल्दी मूल्यांकन नहीं किया जा सकता है।

**Master Plan for Protection of Region
Affected by Floods of Luni River**

2041. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN:
Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Master Plan has been framed by Rajasthan Government for protection of the region affected by the floods of Luni River ;

(b) if so, upto what place ; a copy thereof may be laid on the Table of the House ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the area beyond Sindhai to Gunha Gandhav (Barmer District) and area of Sanchole Tehsil (Jalore District) is not covered in the Master Plan ;

(d) if so, will Government propose the master plan for that area ; and

(e) the full details of the works started and completed under the Master Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI
RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Central
Government has not so far received any
Master plan for Luni basin from the
Rajasthan Government.

(b) to (e) In view of reply to (a) above,
replies to (b) to (e) does not arise.

Assistance to Fishing Industry

2042. PROF. P. J. KURIEN :
SHRI CHINTAMANI
PANIGRAHI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state :

(a) the proposals being examined to
extend some assistance to the fishing indus-
try, in view of the periodic fluctuations in
the prices and catches of shrimp, etc., and

(b) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
(RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b)
Small and periodic fluctuations in the prices
and catches of shrimp etc. are normal fea-
tures. There is no proposal at present to
extend financial assistance to the fishing
industry for such fluctuations.

Utilisation of Funds by the States

2043. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK :
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOP-
MENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the
States could not be able to utilise the fund
earmarked by Government during 1982-83 ;

(b) if so, what has been the percentage
of the utilised funds and the Punds remained
unutilised, State-wise alongwith the reasons
thereof ; and

(c) the reaction of Government in this
regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI HARINATHA MISRA) : (a) to (c)
Statements showing State-wise allocations
and utilisation of funds to the total alloca-
tion under the major programmes of the
Ministry of Rural Development are laid on
the Table of the House. (Placed in Library.
See No. LT-7165/83.) The reasons for
reported shortfalls in expenditure for various
schemes vary from State to State. Generally
speaking, these could be insufficient infrast-
ructure, delays in preparation and imple-
mentation of sub-projects etc.

**Amount Earmarked for Providing Employment
in Rural Areas**

2044. SHRI UTTAM RATHOD : Will
the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT
be pleased to state :

(a) the finances earmarked for providing
employment in rural areas, particularly land-
less labourers ; and

(b) how many people are expected to be
provided employment by the end of the
current Five Year Plan ?