

**Inclusion of Catchments of Rivers of Orissa in Centrally Sponsored Scheme to Save Floodprone Areas**

1044. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently approved the Centrally sponsored scheme for "Integrated Watershed Management in the catchment of the floodprone rivers of Indo-Gangetic Basin" whereas Mahanadi, Brahmani and Godavari Basins have not been considered for this scheme;

(b) whether it is a fact that four major inter-State rivers—Mahanadi, Brahmani, Subernarekha and Machkund with their network of tributaries and branches flow through Orissa;

(c) whether Orissa is victim of flood once in every 2 years resulting in huge loss of crops;

(d) whether Government will consider the desirability of including the catchments of above 4 Orissa rivers also under the Scheme; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Rashtriya Barh Ayog has indicated that the most flood prone areas are in the Brahmaputra Basin and Northern sub-basins in the Ganga basin. However, Orissa has been identified as one of the five more flood prone States in the country. During the period from 1971 to 1978, the State of Orissa was seriously affected three times by flood.

(d) No, Sir. However, Inter-state

catchments of Mahanadi and Muchkund in Orissa have been receiving soil conservation treatments since Third Five Year Plan under another Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Soil Conservation in the catchments of River Valley Projects. Further, the catchment of Brahmani has also been included under this Centrally Sponsored Scheme since 5th Five Year Plan.

(e) Due to financial constraints the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Watershed Management was restricted to only 8 catchments in the Gangetic basin which accounts for 60% of flood affected area and 40% of India's population. Therefore, the scope of this scheme has been confined to Gangetic basin at present.

**Inclusion of Rivers of Orissa in Soil Conservation Scheme**

1045. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether during the Sixth Plan period it was proposed to take up soil conservation measures in the catchment area of three inter-State river valley projects namely, Upper Kolab, Indravati and Subernarekha with a view to prevent silt inflow to the reservoir and for moderating the flood hazards and saving the down-stream fertile lands from sand casting;

(b) whether Government will consider the desirability of sanctioning soil conservation schemes for the catchment area of the above 3 Orissa rivers, if not already done;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the estimated expenditure involved in taking up these soil conservation measures ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a)

to (c) The inclusion of the three new catchments namely, Upper Kolab, Indravati and Subernarekha in the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Soil Conservation in the catchments of River Valley Projects was considered during 6th Plan by the Central Government. It has not been found possible to do so due to paucity of funds. In Orissa State, the catchments of Hirakud, Machkund and Rengali-Mandira are already covered under the scheme.

(d) The State Government estimated the requirements of funds in 1981-82 for these three new catchments at Rs. 30 lakhs.

#### **Citrus Plantation in Tribal Areas of Orissa**

1046. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has launched citrus plantation programme in the tribal areas in Orissa;

(b) if so, the total hectares of land belonging to tribal farmers in different districts of Orissa that has been brought under citrus plantation during last three years; and

(c) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) :

(a) There is no Central Sector or Centrally Sponsored Scheme under the Ministry of Agriculture for citrus plantation programme in the tribal areas of Orissa.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

#### **Funds Provided to Keonjhar District for Implementation of NREP**

1047. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount provided to Keonjhar district, Orissa for implementing National Rural Employment Programme in 1983-84;

(b) the amount spent so far towards implementing NREP in that district; and

(c) the details of the various works done and the number of beneficiaries in that district in 1983-84 under National Rural Employment Programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI HARINATH MISRA) : (a) to (c) District-wise details of the funds given under National Rural Employment Programme are not maintained at the Central Level.

#### **Central Scheme for Cross Breeding of Cattle in Orissa**

1048. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have sanctioned a Central Sector scheme for cross breeding of cattle with exotic dairy breeds and improvement of buffaloes using Frozen Semen Technique out side Operation Flood II areas in Orissa;

(b) if so, the names of the districts in Orissa where such Central sector programme has been introduced;

(c) the amount of Central assistance earmarked and spent in these districts of Orissa for the above programme in 1981-82 and 1982-83; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The scheme covers areas in the