

**MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) :** (a) Irrigation is a State subject and irrigation projects are implemented by the State Governments within their overall development plans. Central assistance is in the form of block loans and grants and is not tied to any individual project or sector of development. There are no centrally financed projects.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

**Planting of Fruit and Shady Trees on Aravali Hills**

3495. **SHRI PIYUSH TIRKI :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to plant large number of fruit and shady trees on Aravali Hills under a World Bank project ;

(b) if so, the details of the World Bank project ; and

(c) the other areas of region for which such projects of World Bank are being considered and the Statewise details thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) :** (a) Government have decided to plant large number of trees in Gujarat and Haryana including in Aravali hills under World Bank assisted Social Forestry projects in which primary objective is to increase fuelwood and secondarily to provide other products including fruits. Naturally, these trees will provide shade also.

(b) Gujarat has a five-year (1980-85), Rs. 654 million, 10544½ hectares and 150 million seedlings project and Haryana also a five-year (1982-87), Rs. 333 million, 67000

hectares project.

(c) The World Bank assisted Social Forestry projects are ongoing in Uttar Pradesh (1979-84, Rs. 400 million and 52680 hectares), West Bengal (1982-87, Rs. 349 million and 93000 hectares) and Jammu and Kashmir (1982-87, Rs. 237 million and 44000 hectares). The Karnataka 5-year (1983 88), Rs. 552 million and 149000 hectares project has been launched recently. A project for Kerala is under consideration.

**Veterinary Facilities in Rural Areas during Sixth Plan**

3496. **PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 924 on 21 November, 1983 regarding veterinary facilities in rural areas during Sixth Plan period and state :

(a) the exact number of veterinary dispensaries and hospitals as on 1 January, 1984 in Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab and Haryana ;

(b) whether the targets fixed for 1984-85 in respect of both the veterinary dispensaries and the veterinary hospitals remain unaltered and would be achieved in spite of the 5 per cent cut imposed on development expenditure and 3 per cent on non-plan expenditure ;

(c) if so, the likely date by which the targets would be achieved without any decrease ; and

(d) if not, the extent to which the targets for Sixth Five Year Plan have been lowered ?

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

State

Number of  
Vety. Hospitals on  
1.1.1984

Number of  
Vety. Dispensaries on  
1.1.1984

Himachal Pradesh

182

357

J and K

14

498

Punjab

769

467

Haryana

376

311

(b) and (c). The targets in respect of veterinary hospitals have already been achieved in Himachal Pradesh and exceeded in J and K and Haryana. Punjab has no programme of opening new veterinary hospitals during 1984-85. Targets for veterinary dispensaries have been exceeded in Himachal Pradesh, J and K and Punjab and are likely to be achieved in Haryana by 31.3.1985.

(d) Does not arise.

#### Increasing in Dryland Farming

3497. SHRI SUSHIL BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to adopt dryland farming in our country in a big way ;

(b) if so, how many areas of land, State-wise, have been brought under such cultivation scheme during the Sixth Five Year Plan ; and

(c) what are the crops that are grown ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) It is proposed to take up improved Dryland farming in a big way in the country.

(b) State-wise information is given in the enclosed Statement.

(c) Rainfed farming is practised under diverse Agroclimatic conditions. Crops such as millets, coarse grains, pulses, oil-seeds, cotton, paddy, wheat etc. are grown in various regions depending upon local situations.

#### Statement

*Statement Showing the Area Brought Under Improved Dry Farming 1983-84  
(Upto January, 1984)*

Sl. No.	State/U.T.	Area covered under identified micro watersheds ('000 ha.)	Area covered outside the selected watersheds ('000 ha.)
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	202.40	151.80
2.	Assam	125.00	350.00
3.	Bihar	146.00	362.12
4.	Gujarat	2.44	—
5.	Haryana	12.45	2152.00
6.	Himachal Pradesh	5.76	42.07
7.	Jammu and Kashmir	2.14	0.93
8.	Karnataka	174.05	402.45
9.	Kerala	33.27	11.45