

(b) and (c) These deficiencies and certain other management problems have been noticed in various areas. However, no specific survey for this purpose only has been conducted.

(d) Integrated nutrient management system through balanced utilisation of chemical fertilisers, organic manures and bio-fertilisers including Rhizobium and Blue Green Algae etc., is being recommended to save the soil fertility.

Progress of Operation Flood in States

8452. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Government have deputed its agency (machinery) to note in each State the progress made under 'Operation Flood' programme during the last two years ;

(b) if so, whether it has been noticed that some States have not utilised the amount of money granted to them ; and

(c) if so, the names of such States which did not spend the full amount or have shown their inability in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Research and Development in Oilseeds

8453. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are satisfied with the research made by the Research and Development in the field of oilseeds ; and

(b) if so, the details of all the new varieties identified and released with claims of productivity for the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of new varieties of oilseed crops identified/released during the last 3 years with average yield potentials are given in the statement attached.

Minor Irrigation Projects in Adivasi Areas

8454. SHRI AMAR SINH RATHAWA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be

pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Adivasi area in the country is very backward in regard to irrigation facility and they have to depend only on rain;

(b) if so, what special steps are being taken to provide minor irrigation projects in those areas;

(c) the details of minor irrigation system that is being provided; and

(d) whether a Central team has visited the Adivasi areas of the country to study the possibility of providing minor irrigation facilities to adivasi areas; if so, what are the findings and the steps taken so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) to (c) The level of irrigation in tribal areas is generally low as compared to the national average. In order to increase the irrigation facilities in these areas, the various State Governments are taking up surface water storage, diversion and lift irrigation schemes, wherever feasible from technical and economical considerations. The State Governments have also been advised to draw up Master Plans for the tribal areas so that development process is accelerated. Following steps are being taken for the tribal areas :—

1. Tribal sub-plans concept has been evolved by the States and specific allocations are made by them for Sub-Plan areas under their Minor Irrigation Programme.

2. Subsidies are made available to tribal farmers at a higher rate of 50% for individual and community Minor Irrigation schemes under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of assisting small and marginal farmers. The subsidy is available for construction of dugwells, dug-cum-bore wells, shallow tubewells and purchase of pumpsets etc. Some State Governments like Bihar, Gujarat, M. P., Tripura and West Bengal provide higher rates of subsidy to Tribal farmers over and above the subsidy available under Integrated Rural Development Programme.

(d) No such Central team for Minor Irrigation has been sent by this Ministry to Adivasi areas. However, the Parliamentary Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled