

planting material of high productivity ;

- (iii) technology for production of quality apples in the main apple growing States.

Evaluation of Irrigation Schemes to Assess Problems of Seepage, Water-Logging and Salinity

**3090. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK :
SHRI E. BALANANDAN :**

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state whether in view of the problem of seepage, water-logging and salinity assuming serious proportions in a number of canal systems and irrigation projects in the country, Government are thinking of arranging a comprehensive in depth evaluation of all the irrigation schemes set up in the past in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI HARINATHA MISRA) : The Government of India is seized of the problem of seepage, water-logging and salinity in the command areas of the irrigation projects. In order to protect the land from the ill-effects of excessive seepage/water-logging etc., Government of India have been advising the State Governments to take remedial measures which include lining of the canal systems, modernisation of the existing irrigation systems, conjunctive use of surface and ground water, introduction of improved irrigation practices including warabandi and observation of groundwater table to take prompt remedial measures. Problems of waterlogging arising in command areas are looked into by the State Governments and appropriate measures are taken up.

Productivity of Land in Maharashtra

**3091. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE
PATIL :
SHRI CHANDRABHAN
ATHARE PATIL :**

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the productivity of land in

Maharashtra is low and 87 talukas out of the total number of 237 talukas are frequently affected by drought ;

(b) whether the contribution of agriculture to the net domestic production of the State in 1979-80 was only 28 per cent corresponding to the national figure for the same year which was as high as 40.6 per cent ;

(c) if so, whether Central Government have had any occasion to go into this disturbing phenomenon and if so, their findings in this regard ; and

(d) in what way the Centre propose to aid and advise the State Government to get over this depressing situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The productivity of foodgrains and other principal crops in Maharashtra is generally low as compared to all India levels. As regards the number of talukas frequently affected by drought, the information is being collected from the State Government.

(b) and (c). The relative contribution of agriculture to the net domestic product, at current prices, in Maharashtra for 1979-80 is 26.8 per cent, as compared to the all India share of 35.7 per cent. Apart from low productivity in agriculture, the relatively low percentage share of agriculture in the net domestic product of Maharashtra is also due to the fact that the State being industrially more advanced, the share of manufacturing sector for 1979-80 is as high as 27.6 per cent as against 17.3 per cent at all-India level at current prices.

(d) The Central and the State Governments are taking all measures such as extension of irrigation coverage, increase in inputs application and arrangements for supply of various inputs, adoption of dry farming technology, intensification of research and extension, etc. to raise the production and productivity of various crops grown in Maharashtra.

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