

1	2	3
14.	Nagaland	990.00
15.	Orissa	8,595.51
16.	Punjab	3,177.00
17.	Rajasthan	22,000.00
18.	Sikkim	N.A.
19.	Tamil Nadu	20,899.57
20.	Tripura	1,522.00
21.	Uttar Pradesh	14,493.00
22.	West Bengal	14,275.00
23.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	2,847.37
24.	Arunachal Pradesh	34,226.99
25.	Goa, Daman and Diu	6,638.07
26.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	698.12
27.	Mizoram	N.A.
28.	Chandigarh	3.30
Total		6,79,827.62

ICAR Project for Development of Waste Lands along Rivers of U.P. and Bihar

**3235. SHRI M. RAMGOPAL REDDY :
SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN :**

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Council of Agricultural Research has recently initiated any research project for the development of waste lands along the rivers of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar ;

(b) whether such research projects will

also be initiated in other States also and if not, the reasons thereof ;

(c) the time by which the project will start functioning in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar ; and

(d) the funds allocated for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has initiated a Coordinated Research Project for the improvement of Diara lands, along the rivers of Uttar

Pradesh and Bihar w.e.f. 1.4.1980.

(b) Yes, Sir. One of the Centres of this Project is functioning in Assam also. A proposal for establishment of a centre in West Bengal is under consideration.

(c) The project is already in operation at Faizabad, Sabaur and North Lakhimpur since 1.4.1980 and an Operational Research Project in Munger district of Bihar is in operation since October, 1975.

(d) An amount of Rs. 40.00 lakhs has been allocated for the project during the Sixth Plan.

Storage and Loss of Foodgrains by FCI

3236. SHRI M. RAMGOPAL REDDY :
SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated quantity of foodgrains

stored by Food Corporation of India during the period 1980-81, 1981-82, 1982-83 and 1983-84 ;

(b) the estimated quantity of foodgrains which has been found short during the last 3 years, year-wise and value involved thereof ;

(c) the estimated quantity of foodgrains which have become unfit for human consumption out of the stored foodgrains the reasons together with the value thereof ; and

(d) the steps being taken to avoid such recurrence in near future ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (DR. M.S. SANJEEVI RAO) :

(a) to (c). The quantity of foodgrains held by Food Corporation of India at the close of the financial year, storage loss along with value, quantity of stocks transferred from sound to damaged category and its value are as under :—

Year	Closing stock quantity	Storage Loss		Stocks transferred from sound to damaged	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1	2	3a	3b	4a	4b
1980-81	82.18	2.82	45.24	0.43	5.70
1981-82	93.28	2.42	44.47	0.78	11.83
1982-83	110.53	2.26	45.91	0.48	7.27

The accounts for the year 1983-84 have not been finalised.

The damage to foodgrains arise due to a variety of reasons such as rains, floods, cyclones etc or deterioration in quality during long storage, storage of foodgrains in open storage (CAP) etc.

(d) The Food Corporation of India has taken a number of steps such as construc-

tion of pucca plinths or storage of stacks over wooden crates in open by building dome shaped stacks and covering them with polythene covers, proper aeration and regular inspection of stocks, preventive repairs of covered godowns before onset of monsoons, reducing movement of foodgrains in open wagons, augmenting scientific storage capacity, reduction in open storage to the extent possible. Besides this, the Corporation has adopted strict quality control proce-