

(a) whether Narwada and some other parts of Gaya district in Bihar were declared as drought-affected areas during the year 1970-71

(b) if so, the amount of Central assistance granted for relief work ;

(c) whether the amount has been utilised for the specific works for which it was sanctioned ;

(d) if not, the steps taken by the Government against those responsible for the diversion of the funds ; and

(e) whether fresh grants have been given for the fulfilment of the works originally sanctioned ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir. It is presumed that the place referred to in the question is Nawada and not Narwada.

(b) Rs. 2.35 crores (Rs. 2.00 crores as loan and Rs. 0.35 crores as grant) were released to Bihar by the Government of India during 1970-71. It is for the State Government to make allocations for individual affected areas in the State.

(c) No report to the effect that funds had been utilised for purposes other than the sanctioned works had been received.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The State Government has drawn up fresh relief schemes at an estimated cost of Rs. 12.35 crores for the State as a whole. A request has been received from the State Government for an *ad-hoc* financial assistance of Rs. 3 crores. To make an on-the spot assessment, a Central Study Team is currently visiting the State. The quantum of assistance required by the State will be decided on receipt of the Team's report.

Pilot Scheme for Dry-Farming in Areas with Scanty Rain Fall.

1249. SHRI N. S. BISHT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have started any Pilot Scheme for dry-farming in areas which have scanty rain fall and have no other means of irrigation;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether any such scheme has been introduced or is proposed to be introduced in Uttarakhand region; and

(d) if so, the broad outlines of the same with financial and physical targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The salient features of the Scheme which is of the nature of Pilot Projects, include soil conservation and land development; suitable tillage operations and soil management; water harvesting practices; use of sprinkler irrigation; introduction of new varieties; new crops and improved implements; animal husbandry programmes; demonstration and training of farmers in close coordination with research centres of the ICAR.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

उत्तर-प्रदेश में खनिज पदार्थों के निक्षेपों के बारे में भूगर्भ सर्वेक्षण

1250. श्री नरेन्द्र सिंह बिष्ट : क्या इस्पात और खान मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश के पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों में भूगर्भ सर्वेक्षण कराने के परिष्कारमस्वरूप