

Canadian Assistance for Ground Water Survey Project for Hard Rock Areas in States

5715. SHRI BHUVARAHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Groundwater Survey Project for hard rock areas has been started with Canadian assistance ;

(b) if so, the Centres selected for this purpose in all the States especially in Tamil Nadu State ;

(c) the details of the assistance given by Canadian Government for this purpose ; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to expand the scheme to Coimbatore, Salem, North Arcot, part of North Arcot and Madurai which are rock areas in Tamil Nadu and whether the State Government have sent any Communication to the Centre in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir, from April, 1971.

(b) This is the only Project, which covers an area of about 3000 sq. miles in Andhra Pradesh and 160 sq miles in Mysore. No area of Tamil Nadu is covered under this project.

(c) The Total assistance to be received from the Canadian Government, by way of experts, equipment, vehicles and training of Indian officers would be worth about Rs. 53,00,000.00.

(d) There is no proposal to include other areas in this project.

Drilling of Tube-wells under Ground Water Exploration Scheme in Tamil Nadu

5716. SHRI BHUVARAHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of tube-wells which have been drilled so far in Tamil Nadu State, under the Ground-Water Exploration Scheme ;

(b) the places where these tube-wells have been set up in Tamil Nadu ; and

(c) the total cost of the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) 85 wells from the year 1955-56 to March 1971. In addition, 4 production wells have also been drilled.

(b) As in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in the Library. See No. LT—720/71].

(c) Total expenditure on exploratory wells comes to Rs. 23,78,492.00 and on production wells Rs. 76,604.00.

Stoppage of Dispersal of Refugees to various Places

5717. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether dispersal of refugees to various places has virtually stopped ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) No, Sir. The dispersal of refugees from West Bengal to the Central Camps at Mana in Raipur (Madhya Pradesh), Gaya in Bihar and Iradatgunj in Uttar Pradesh is continuing. 1,13,608 refugees have been shifted to Mana Camp, 7922 to Gaya and 2901 persons to Iradatgunj. Movement of refugees from Tripura to Central Camps at Changsari Sorbhog and Bahalpur in Assam is also continuing and about 20,000 persons were moved out of Tripura by 14th July, 1971.

(b) Does not arise.

Implementation of Crash Programme for Sambalpur, Orissa

5718. SHRI P. GANGADEB : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :