

Central Assistance for Sei Diversion Project in Rajasthan

2721. SHRI N. K. SANGHI Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sei Diversion project which will cover the chronically drought affected districts of Jalore and Pali in Rajasthan to provide irrigation facilities to the area and augmenting drinking water resources to Jodhpur city is not progressing satisfactorily because of the paucity of funds;

(b) whether according to plans the work is scheduled to be completed by 1976-77; and

(c) if so, whether any Central assistance will be given to meet the financial requirements of the project so that it can be completed in time and if so, the nature of decision taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR NATH SINGH): (a) The work on the scheme is already in an advanced stage of construction and there is no indication from the State Government about its unsatisfactory progress on account of paucity of funds.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Irrigation is a State subject and Irrigation projects are implemented by State Governments within the frame-work of their developmental plans. Central assistance to States is being provided in the form of block loans and grants not related to any individual scheme, group of schemes, or head of development.

Proposal for Pilot Schemes for Crop Insurance of Selected Crops

2722. SHRI N. E. HORO:
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE

AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have in a proposal sponsored jointly by them and the General Insurance Corporation asked the State Governments to introduce more pilot schemes for crop insurance for selected crop in selected areas; and

(b) the crop insurance schemes operating at present in various States and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). The Government of India and the General Insurance Corporation have taken up with the State Governments the question of introducing pilot schemes for selected crops in selected areas on the lines of crop insurance scheme in operation in Baroda district of Gujarat State in respect of H-4 cotton. The State Governments have been requested to identify the crops and areas suitable for the introduction of the pilot scheme and also to locate appropriate collaborating agencies which can provide the infrastructural support.

2. At present 4 pilot schemes for cotton, one each in Gujarat and Maharashtra and two in Tamil Nadu are in operation. Apart from this, two schemes for ground-nut are in operation in Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat State. Results of the cotton schemes for the current year would be available after harvest early next year. Only the Gujarat cotton scheme was in operation in the previous years and their results are as under:—

Year	Net premium (Rs.)	Claims paid (Rs.)
1st year	16,859	18,189
2nd year	16,216	5,32,411