

**Development of Drought Prone Areas
in Maharashtra**

4605. SHRI SHANKER RAO SAVANT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) districts of Maharashtra selected for the World Bank Development Project for drought-prone areas;

(b) how much amount is proposed to be spent in those districts; and

(c) in what manner and during which period is it proposed to be spent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) to (c) The districts of Ahmednagar and Sholapur in Maharashtra have been selected for the World Bank Development Project for Drought Prone Areas Programme. Each district will get a central assistance of Rs. 4 crores to be matched by an equal amount by the State Government. The total project including Institutional Credit is likely to be Rs. 18.18 crores in Ahmednagar and Rs 15.48 crores in Sholapur. The Project consists of activities such as Minor Irrigation, Soil Conservation, Pasture Development, Forestry, dry farming, Sheep Development and Dairy Development. The closing date of the project is likely to be June 30, 1980.

Compensation paid for Kosi Canal

4606. SHRI RAMKANWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state the total amount of compensation paid by India to Nepalese Government for the territory acquired for the Kosi canal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR NATH SINGH): An amount of Rs. 36,25,256 has been paid to the Government of Nepal as compensation money for the land required for the construction of the Western Kosi Canal in the Nepal territory.

**Development of Irrigation Projects in
Ladakh**

4607. SHRI KUSHOK BAKULA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of the irrigation projects to be developed in Ladakh region of the Jammu and Kashmir State during the next two years; and

(b) the amount to be spent thereon and the benefit to accrue therefrom?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR NATH SINGH): (a) and (b). According to the information received from the State Government in July 1974, the following four irrigation schemes in Ladakh region which were included in the fourth plan are continuing in to the Fifth Plan—

Name of Scheme	Potential (Acres)
1. Khumbathang Canal	970
2. Upshi Canal	530
3. Gargarthang Canal	250
4. Abichanmothang Canal	1261

The Gargarthang Canal and Abichanmothang Canal are nearly completed. Work is in progress on the other two. The amount to be spent on these schemes during next two years is not yet available as the annual plans for 1975-76 and 1976-77 are yet to be finalized.