

Crash programme for Irrigation facilities in drought-prone area

5172. SHRI P. GANGADEB-
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state

(a) whether any crash programme for extending irrigation facilities to drought and famine affected areas is under the consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, whether storing of flood and rain water is included in the programme;

(c) whether any action has been initiated in this respect, and

(d) if so, particulars thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN). (a) to (d). No, Sir. The Drought Prone Area Programme, which is a Central Plan Scheme with an outlay of Rs 187 crores during the Fifth Plan period includes Rs 20 crores for development of irrigation in specifically backward D.P.A.P. areas.

Development and management of irrigation resources is an important component of the programme and include activities like hydrogeological surveys, harnessing of flow and under ground irrigation potential. The entire programme is being implemented on the basis of Project reports prepared by the State Governments.

Translocation of Maldhari Families in Gir Lion Sanctuary

5173. SHRI P. G. MAVALANKAR:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state.

(a) whether the work of translocation of the Maldhari families in the Gir Lion Sanctuary is under progress and is being speeded up;

(b) if so, the particulars thereof;

(c) whether financial assistance from the Central Government as well as from the World Wild Life Fund is being made available to the Government of Gujarat for the said project; and

(d) if so, the broad details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL). (a) Yes, Sir

(b) There are about 840 Maldhari families with about 17,00 cattle within the Gir Sanctuary area. So far 92 families have been translocated, and by the end of financial year 1974-75. It was expected that about 120 families would have been translocated.

About 190 families are expected to be translocated by the end of June, 1975. This work is expected to be completed by the end of Vth Plan.

(c) No, Sir

(d) Does not arise.

Revision of Prices of Fertilizers to check their piling up at Factories

5174. SHRI AMARSINH CHAUDHARI. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state

(a) whether Government intend to consider the revision of fertilizer prices in case the present consumers' resistance leads to further piling up of stocks at factories;

(b) if so, the broad features thereof and how and when it will be effected; and

(c) the reasons of piling up of stocks at factories?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL). (a) to (c). There was an increase in the prices of fertilisers with