

was sanctioned for the development of this sanctuary which includes the provision for welfare of Fauna, providing water facilities, repairs to roads, etc.

Soil Conservation in Gujarat

2538. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH MAHIDA : Will the Minister of FOOD & AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allocated to Gujarat in 1968-69 for soil conservation ;

(b) the amount actually spent there during the year ; and

(c) whether the amount was utilised for the purpose for which it was sanctioned ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) For Plan schemes of soil conservation under the State Sector, a total outlay of Rs. 185.00 lakhs was approved for 1968-69. In addition under the Centrally sponsored scheme of soil conservation in the catchment of Dhantiwada Project, Survey of Ravine Lands, and the pilot project for reclamation of saline and alkaline lands, a sum of Rs. 7.54 lakhs was allocated to Gujarat.

(b) According to reports received from the State Government the total utilisation is of the order of Rs. 178.75 lakhs in execution of the State plan schemes and Rs. 6.50 lakhs under the Centrally sponsored schemes.

(c) Progress reports received from the State Government indicate that the provisions have generally been utilised on sanctioned works.

Assistance to Gujarat for Construction of Tube- Wells

2539. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH MAHIDA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat have sought financial assistance from the

Government for constructing tube-wells in desert like districts of the State ; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Central Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

Central Assistance for Animal Husbandry etc. to Gujarat

2540. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH MAHIDA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any assistance is being provided for the development of Animal Husbandry, Dairy, Grow More Food Campaign and Fisheries to Gujarat during 1969-70 ; and

(b) If so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). According to the procedure for the release of Central assistance to State Governments for their plan schemes which has been revised from 1969-70, assistance will be released to States in block loans and grants for the annual plan as a whole and will not be related to any individual programme or scheme. Assistance of Rs. 28.20 crores has been allotted to the Government of Gujarat for their Annual plan for the year 1969-70. This assistance will be released to State Government towards the end of the financial year 1969-70 on the basis of the expenditure figures to be furnished by the State Government.

As regards Centrally Sponsored Schemes, the assistance admissible for the following schemes which are being implemented by the Govt. of Gujarat under the above programmes is as under :—