

(a) whether the demand for local wheat is comparatively less in Madhya Pradesh due to its being of poor quality as a result of which wheat is bought from the markets of other States because it is available at a reasonable price and is of good quality; and

(b) if so, the manner in which the Government contemplate to solve the problem of the purchase of local wheat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) and (b) The Government has not come across any information about wheat from other States being brought to Madhya Pradesh. In fact, wheat is being sent to neighbouring States like Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, etc. from Madhya Pradesh since it is surplus in the production of wheat. A total quantity of 5.36 lakh tonnes of wheat has been procured in Madhya Pradesh upto 20th July, 1998 as compared to 1.07 lakh tonnes procured during marketing season 1997-98.

[English]

#### NERAMAC

6128. SHRI SAMAR CHOUDHURY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the failure of the North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation (NERAMAC) to market the pineapples and oranges produced in Tripura led to distress sale and heavy loss to the farmers; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to rejuvenate and strengthen the North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation in the sphere of marketing of agriculture and horticulture produces in North-Eastern States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) and (b) The North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd. (NERAMAC) was incorporated in March, 1982 as a Government of India enterprise under the administrative control of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries with the main objective of fostering agro-horticulture development in the North Eastern Region. The Corporation has set up a Pineapple Juice Concentrate (PJC) Plant at Nalkata in Tripura in June, 1988. The NERAMAC has been essentially procuring pineapples from the farmers in and around Nalkata for processing in its PJC plant. The Corporation has turned sick and is presently registered with the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction. The Corporation has prepared a revival package which is under consideration of the Government. However, the NERAMAC is continuing with its pineapple processing operation at Nalkata as usual so that the interest of the farmers of the area are taken care of.

[Translation]

#### Inter-State Irrigation Projects

6129. SHRI RAMANAND SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the Inter-State irrigation and power projects under construction in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) the estimate cost of each project, separately;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to convene a meeting of Chief Ministers of concerned States to review the situation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the measures being taken by the Union Government for their expeditious completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) and (b) The State-wise details of Inter-State Irrigation and Multipurpose projects which are under construction and their latest estimated cost is given in the Statement enclosed.

(c) Presently, there is no proposal for convening a meeting of Chief Ministers of concerned States.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The completion period of any project depends upon various factors such as its size, availability of land, clearance from various appraising agencies, geological conditions etc. equally important are the funds allotted by State Governments to individual projects.

#### Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	States involved	Latest Estimated cost
1	2	3	4
1.	Tungabhadra High Level Canal Stage-II	Andhra Pradesh Karnataka	467.26 62.93
2.	Gurgaon Canal	Haryana Rajasthan	— 35.40
3.	New Tajewala Barrage (Hathni Kund Barrage)	Haryana Uttar Pradesh	219.19 —
4.	Bansagar	Bihar Madhya Pradesh Uttar Pradesh	140.00 1281.00 529.92
5.	Rajghat	Madhya Pradesh Uttar Pradesh	656.91 312.32