

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. The funds released during the last three years are as follows:

	(Rs. lakh)
1994-95	29.06
1997-98	80.00
1998-99	100.00
Total	209.06

(d) No such demand has been received by the State Government.

(e) Does not arise.

[Translation]

NAM Meet

467. SHRI MADHAV RAO PATIL:

SHRI VITHAL TUPE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the issues raised during Non-aligned countries' meet held at Durban;

(b) whether the Government of India have also raised any issue;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the participants thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) The XIth NAM Summit at Durban considered a wide range of issues including analysis of the international political situation; the role of the Non-Aligned Movement, North-South Dialogue, UN reforms and UN Security Council restructuring and expansion, disarmament and international security, terrorism, international law; global economic issues such as international trade, agenda for development, financial, investment and monetary issues, environment and development, science and technology, the economic situation in Africa; social issues such as poverty eradication, health, education, population and development, human rights, refugees; issues relating to women and children, international drug control, etc.

(b) and (c) As a founder member of NAM, India actively participated in all discussions and contributed to the formulation of NAM positions as reflected in the Final Document. The Prime Minister, in his keynote address, called for an international conference to agree before the start of the new millennium on a programme of action for the elimination of nuclear weapons. India also called for concerted international efforts in the form of an international conference to discuss and agree on measures to combat terrorism through collective action. India also called for expansion and reform of UN Security Council on the basis of global and non-discriminatory criteria and urged NAM to develop strength to translate its numbers into an

effective voice in international affairs. India stressed on revitalisation of the agenda for management of the international economy.

(d) The issues raised by India were discussed at the Summit and reflected in the Final Document, which was adopted by consensus by the Summit.

[English]

Mustard Oil

468. SHRI SURESH WARPUDKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that argemone seeds which grow in the fields along with the mustard plants and are identical in colour and size of mustard is the main cause for contamination of mustard oil resulting in epidemic dropsy in various parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to stop the growth of argemone plant in the field of mustard plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Contamination of mustard seed with argemone seeds does not take place in the agricultural fields as the ripening period of both seeds are different. However, contamination of mustard seeds with argemone seeds may take place at the time of milling when both types of seeds are mixed to extract oil.

(b) Argemone weed growers both in mustard fields as well as in wastelands. It can be controlled in non-cropped area by the application of 2-4 D Ethyl Ester @ 1 kg. in 1000 litre of water per hectare during the active growth of the plant. In the mustard fields the weed can be removed manually. Farmers have been advised to adopt these methods through dissemination of information on contamination of mustard.

Renovation and Modernisation of Mahanadi Delta

469. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the renovation and modernisation of Mahanadi Delta Stage I and Stage II in Orissa is on progress;

(b) if so, the estimated cost thereof and funds spent on these projects so far; and

(c) the time by which the renovation and modernisation programme is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An expenditure of Rs. 1.50 crores has been incurred on these projects upto the end of 1996-97 against the latest estimated cost of Rs. 53.02 crores.

(c) The Renovation and Modernisation Programme is scheduled to be completed by the end of 9th Plan.