

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) and (b) Interest has accrued on the amounts released by the Government of India under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme due to slow pace of implementation. All the District Collectors have been advised not to utilise the interest amount accrued on MPLADS funds till a decision is taken by the Government about the manner in which the interest should be utilised.

[English]

Upper Krishna Project

2816. SHRI H.G. RAMULU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sought environmental clearance for a stretch of four kms. of the Nayanapur Right Bank Canal of the Upper Krishna Project which pass through the forest area in Lingsugur taluk of Raichur District.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which the clearance is likely to be given?

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

(b) and (c) Environmental clearance for construction of Nayanapur Right Bank Canal is linked with clearance of Upper Krishna Project Stage-II.

Privatisation of Postal Services

2817. DR. SUGUNA KUMARI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether postal services are to be privatised partially in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, *statewise*?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b) Participation of the private sector in postal

services has been marginal and that too in the role of augmenting the efforts of the Department to provide basic postal facilities in the needy areas. Private agencies have been participating in identified area of activity like sale of stamps and stationery, transportation of mail and provision of additional public facilities at a few places, like Post shoppe.

[Translation]

Technology University

2818. SHRI MITRASEN YADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated by the Union Government to the Narendeo Dev Agriculture and Technology University, Faizabad (UP) for the research and expansion programmes during the last three years;

(b) the progress and achievements of the said programme; and

(c) the control of Government over the conduct of such schemes and the review report thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) Sir, the funds allocated by the Department of Agricultural Research and Education to Acharya Narendra Dev University of Agriculture and Technology, Narendranagar (Kumarganj) Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh are Rs. 783.05 lacs during the last three years.

(b) and (c) The details are given in statement attached.

Statement

The Progress and Achievements of the Projects/ Schemes and the Control of DARE/ICAR over these Projects/Schemes being Operated at Achraya Narendra Dev Univeristy of Agriculture and Technology, Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh

The brief achievements are:

- * The technology for component crops developed for efficient resource use and higher yields.
- * Optimum varietal combinations for various crop sequences identified.
- * Tillage requirements under different cropping systems.

- * Factors limiting crop yields on farmers fields identified.
 - * Crop responses to N, P, K, Zn and S worked out.
 - * Efficient sources of fertilizers identified for different crops and soil types.
 - * Organic manures evaluated for increasing nutrient use efficiencies.
 - * INM in different cropping systems.
 - * Effect of long term chemical fertilizer use on crop yields and soil fertility studied.
 - * Options for introducing legumes-cereal cropping systems worked out.
 - * Optimum crop combinations and planting geometry for intercropping system developed.
 - * In medicinal plants-high yielding lemon grass clone NLG-84(R) was identified. Intercropping in lemon grass with pigeonpea was also developed. One opium variety Kirtiman (R) was released.
 - * Made extension survey in fenugreek and identified the HM 114, produced high grain yield followed by Um 304, Hm 119 Um 391 and NDM.3. Sowing of fenugreek during third week of October gave higher yield of 1944 kg/ha.
 - * In turmeric the accessions NDH-6 and NDG-2 produced maximum rhizome yield.
 - * In fennel out of 26 accessions H 126 performed well and yielded 15.53 q/ha.
 - * A large number of prototypes of different farm implements and equipments for both pre and post harvest operations have been developed and popularised in the state. The zero-till-drill developed for direct drilling of wheat after paddy harvesting have been taken up for large scale trials and adoption.
 - * Power tiller operated till-planting machine was developed by NDUAT for direct drilling of wheat after harvesting of paddy. It has a field capacity of 0.07 ha/h, field efficiency of 60–70% and saves 38% of expenditure over the traditional method.
 - * Organised training programmes for farmers, from women in different areas of crop and livestock production.
 - * Organised kisan goshties, field days, kisan melas and distributed farm literature.
 - * In extension activities, significant contributions have been made for raising the productivity of various crops and improved the skills of the practicing farmers, many of which have also been demonstrated from farmers to farmers.
 - * List of varieties developed and recommended for cultivation in this area are:

Pigeonpea-Narendra Arhar-1; Rice-Narendra Dhan 97, Narendra Dhan 118, Narendra user-2; wheat-NW 1014.
 - * For increasing the production of pulses and oilseeds recommendation of 20–25 kg sulphar/ha has been done. As a result, the production of oilseeds has increased from 14.7 lakhs tonnes in 1995-96 to 16.68 lakh tonnes in 1997-98. Similarly, the production of pulses has also increased from 22.5 lakh tonnes in 1995-96 to 24.15 lakh tonnes in 1997-98 in UP.
 - * High yielding varieties of food crops has resulted in increase of major food crops production during 1995-96 to 1997-98 in crops viz. rice production from 10.36 million tonnes to 12.16 million tonnes, maize production from 1.49 million tonnes to 1.65 million tonnes, wheat production from 21.81 million tonnes to 23.05 million tonnes and pearl millet production from 1.06 million tonnes to 2.26 million tonnes in U.P.
- Periodical review on management aspects of the University is being done in the Board of Management Meeting in which the representative of ICAR also contributes. Annual workshops are being held by the Project Coordinators of All India Coordinated Research Projects being operated in the University. The Quinquennial Review Team monitors the progress of the projects/schemes being operated in the University. The periodical review of expenditure and progress is also being done.