

(e) of not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Directorate General of Health Services has issued several circulars to State Drug Controllers and other concerned authorities to restrict the use of Oxytocin injection on milching animals.

(d) No report of violation has so far been received.

(e) Does not arise.

Border Area Development Programme

2894. SHRI P.S. GADHAVI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of main objectives and structure of Border Area Development Programme;

(b) the details of location including Gujarat where border areas development programmes are to be implemented during the Ninth Five Year Plan, State-wise;

(c) the details of the projects implemented during Eighth Five Year Plan period in the North-Western areas; and

(d) the details of allocation made to implement the projects in the said area during the current financial year?

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) The main objective of the Border Area Development Programme (BADP) is to meet the special needs of the people living in remote, inaccessible areas situated near the border. Schemes which address problems such as inadequacies related to provision of essential needs, strengthening of the social infrastructure, filling up of critical gaps in the road network etc. may be taken up under the programme. BADP is a 100% centrally funded area programme.

(b) The programme is in operation in the border blocks of states which border Pakistan, Bangladesh and Myanmar, namely, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tripura and West Bengal.

(c) The decisions regarding the schemes/projects to be undertaken in each State are taken by the State level Screening Committees. In the North-Western States, viz. Rajasthan and Gujarat, the schemes undertaken relate to education, health, water supply, roads, security etc.

(d) In the current year the Governments of Gujarat and Rajasthan have been allocated Rs. 8.88 crore and Rs. 26.52 crore respectively under BADP. In addition Rs. 30 crore have been allocated to Government of Rajasthan for the Indira Gandhi Nahar Project.

Crop Failure

2895. SHRI BASWARAJ PATIL SEDAM :
SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR :
SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT :
SHRI RAMSHETH THAKUR :
SHRI RAMANAND SINGH :
DR. ULHAS VASUDEO PATIL :
SHRI VIJAY GOEL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether several States are facing serious situation due to crop failure;

(b) if so, the States affected by crop failure;

(c) the total loss in terms of money incurred by the agriculture sector particularly due to loss of Rabi and Kharif crops during 1997-98 and 1998-99;

(d) whether the State Governments have requested the Union Government for immediate assistance to combat the crop failure;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken by the Union Government thereon, State-wise; and

(f) the reasons for delay in approval of grant and release of funds to the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Production of Plutonium

2896. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Pakistan starts