

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[English]

Drip Irrigation

256. SHRI VITHAL TUPE :

SHRI ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL:

SHRI BHARTRAHARI MAHTAB :

SHRI MADAN PATIL :

SHRI NRIPEN GOSWAMI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state?

(a) whether any target has been fixed and financial assistance provided to Maharashtra for setting up of drip irrigation system during the last three years;

(b) whether the State Government has sent any proposal to the Union Government to raise the target and provide additional financial assistance for drip irrigation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SOMPAL) :

(a) The details of target fixed and financial assistance provided to the Government of Maharashtra during the last three years under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Use of Plastics in Agriculture, which includes drip irrigation is given below:-

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Financial target	Assistance provided
1996-97	10.22	20.11
1997-98	19.56	24.47
1998-99	28.19	28.19

(b) and (c) The State Government had requested for providing additional funds to the tune of Rs. 100.00 crores during 1997-98. Based on the budgetary allocations under the scheme and the performance of the State, during 1997-98 the State was provided an assistance of Rs. 24.47 crores against their original target Rs. 19.56 crores. During 1998-99, against the financial allocations of Rs. 28.19 crores the State had demanded an additional Rs. 40 crores. During 1998-99, allocations to Maharashtra has already been stepped up from Rs. 24.47 crores in 1997-98 to Rs. 28.19 crores in 1998-99 and the entire allocations of Rs. 28.19 crores for 1998-99 has been released to the State.

ISI Activities

257. SHRI ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL :

SHRI MADAN PATIL :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the agents of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence and some fundamentalist groups are using Nepal as a base for their operations in India;

(b) if so, whether the Government have discussed the issue with the Nepal Government;

(c) if so, the outcome of the discussion; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to stop the ISI's activities in that country?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH) : (a) Yes Sir. Government have seen reports of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence and some fundamentalist groups misusing Nepalese territory for their operations in India.

(b) to (d) Yes Sir. Government have taken up the matter with the concerned authorities of His Majesty's Government of Nepal and have received assurances at the highest levels that Nepalese territory will not be used for activities inimical to India's interests. The Government of Nepal have been extending their cooperation in curbing such undesirable activities.

ISI Training Centres in Bangladesh

258. SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY :

SHRI VIJAY GOEL :

DR. CHINTA MOHAN :

PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the training camps have been established by Pakistani Intelligence Agency (ISI) in Bangladesh for intrusion of trained terrorists in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the locations of these camps in Bangladesh;

(c) whether the Government have held any talks with the Government of Bangladesh in this regard; and

(d) if so, the response of the Government of Bangladesh thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH) : (a) to (d) Reports indicate that agencies inimical to India's interests, including the ISI, are misusing the territory of Bangladesh for their anti-India activities. Government have been apprising the Government of Bangladesh regularly about this.