

production during 1989-90 was very good. Such exports were linked to the import of palmolein for use in the Market Intervention Operation for edible oil being implemented by NDDB. Other dairy products like ghee and butter are being exported when conditions permit.

(a) the details of irrigation projects of Himachal Pradesh completed during the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) the details of irrigation projects of the State proposed to be included in the Eighth Five Year Plan?

Irrigation Projects in Himachal Pradesh

2176. SHRI K. D. SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The following approved medium projects were on-going during the Seventh Plan;

<i>Name</i>	<i>Cost (Rs. crores)</i>		<i>Maximum Area to be benefitted (ha.)</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
	<i>approved</i>	<i>revised</i>		
(i) Balh Valley Project	3.02	8.27 (to be got approved)	2410	Likely to be completed in 1991-92. A potential of 1950 ha. created so far of which 1750 ha. was in the Seventh Plan.
(ii) Bhabour Sahib Phase II	4.26	9.00 (to be got approved)	2640	Work started in 1988-89 and an expenditure of Rs. 0.68 crores incurred in Seventh Plan. Completion likely to extend beyond Eighth Plan.

Besides the above, a potential of 9600 ha. was created in the Seventh Plan in the minor irrigation sector through tubewells, river diversion schemes and lift irrigation schemes.

(b) The following new unapproved projects have been recommended for inclusion in the Eighth Plan.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Cost (Rs. crores)</i>	<i>Area benefitted (ha.)</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
(i) Shahnahar irrigation project	49.30	26,536	An area of 1560 ha. is planned to be created in the Eighth Plan through these projects.
(ii) Anandpur Hydrel project	15.00	} Tentative costs. Detailed project report yet to be submitted by H. P. Government for techno-economic appraisal.	
(iii) Peina Singh Project	25.00		

The State Government is also investigating 3 other projects—one in Una district to provide irrigation to Beet area and the other two in Kangra district viz Sidhata irrigation, project and Kripal Chand Irrigation Project.

Besides the above, a potential of 14,000 ha. is planned to be created in the minor irrigation sector in the Eighth Plan.

Central Assistance for Tapping Underground Water

2177. PROF. K. V. THOMAS:
DR. LAXMI NARAYAN
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the underground water level in Kerala, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan has gone down considerably;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to provide financial assistance to those States for tapping underground water resources during 1991-92; and

(c) the Central assistance provided to those States during 1989-90 and 1990-91 for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Decline in ground water levels, of the order of 2 to 4 meters, has been observed in parts of the States of Kerala, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

(b) No, Sir. There is no such scheme under consideration.

(c) Does not arise.

Water Resources Management and Training Projects

2178. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the physical and financial progress achieved under the USAID assisted Irrigation Management Training Programme of Water Resources Management and Training Project with particular reference to allocated funds, actually spent compared with budgeted amounts for different States;

(b) whether the lack of response of the project beneficiary States to the inputs, services or other forms of assistance provided under the project resulted in the extension of the project upto September, 1992;

(c) if so, whether the intervention model on which the project is based remains valid in a changing environment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Against the overall USAID assistance of 51 million Dollars for the Water Resources Management and Training Project the allocation for the Irrigation Management Training component is Dollars 43 million. Disbursement of aid upto March, 1991 amounts to 30.36 million Dollars. The cumulative expenditure upto March, 1991 under the Irrigation Management & Training component works out to Rs. 41.96 crores. The physical and financial progress in each State is given in the attached statement.

(b) Several factors have contributed towards the extension of the project, including inadequate response of some of the participating States.

(c) and (d) No specific intervention model has been proposed under this project. The project provides for sufficient flexibility to evolve suitable interventions depending upon local conditions and requirements.