

Salinisation of Ground Water Resources

6168 SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH
HOODA
SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state

(a) the details of the regions in various States having high salinity levels in the ground water resources.

(b) whether irrigation schemes in neighbouring areas have been identified as one of the factors for this phenomenon.

(c) if so, the details thereof.

(d) whether it is a fact that crops in these areas are being damaged due to salinity, and

(e) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to solve the problem of salinity?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA) (a) The regions in various States affected by high salinity levels in ground water are given in the enclosed Statement

(b) and (c) Unscientific water management and inadequate drainage system in the irrigation commands contribute to the problem of salinity

(d) Salinity and water logging are reducing the level of productivity of crops in the areas affected by these phenomena

(e) Practices like efficient water management and effective drainage system through on-farm education and training are some of the measures being taken to solve the problem of salinity

STATEMENT*Regions of High Ground Water Salinity (More than 400 Micro Siemens/Cm)*

State	Parts of Districts of
Andhra Pradesh	Anantpur, Chittoor, Cuddapah, East Godavari, Guntur, Prakasam
Gujarat	Amreli, Junagarh, Kutch
Haryana	Bhiwani, Fardabad, Gurgaon, Hissar, Jind, Karnal, Mahendragarh, Rohtak, Sirsa, Sonapat
Karnataka	Bijapur, Bellary, Kolar
Kerala	Trivandrum
Punjab	Bhatinda, Fardkot, Ferozpur
Rajasthan	Ajmer, Barmer, Bharatpur, Bikaner, Churu, Ganganagar, Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Jalore, Jhunjhunu, Jodhpur, Nagaur, Kota, Sikar

State	Parts of Districts of
Tamil Nadu	Dharmapuri, Periyar, South Arcot, Salem, Tiruchirapalli, Kamarajar, V.O. Chidambaranar.
Uttar Pradesh	Agra, Aligarh, Fatehpur, Mathura, Hammpur.

[*Translation*]

Doordarshan Coverage in Maharashtra

6169. SHRIVILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the districts of Maharashtra have been covered by the Doordarshan;

(b) if not, the names of districts which have not been covered so far;

(c) whether the process for linking these districts with microwave system has been started; and

(d) if so, the time by which the telecast of Doordarshan programmes is likely to start in all districts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRJAVYAS): (a) and (b). All the districts in the State of Maharashtra are, at present, covered by TV service either wholly or partially.

(c) Instead of microwave linkage, satellite mode of linkage has been adopted for the purpose of telecast of regional service in Maharashtra. The various high and low power TV transmitters in Maharashtra are linked to Doordarshan Kendra, Bombay, via satellite for relay of regional service programmes.

(d) TV service in 10 districts of Maharashtra is expected to improve consequent upon commissioning of various transmitters under implementation/envisaged to be set up in Maharashtra.

[*English*]

Bisra Stone Lime Ltd.

6170. SHRIMATI RIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bisra Stone Lime Limited is on the verge of closure;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to revamp its functioning;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e). Government is closely monitoring the performance of the Company. Various steps have been taken which include extending financial assistance; marketing tie ups; improvement in production and productivity etc. In the last two months