GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1605 ANSWERED ON:14.03.2005 PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURE IN JHARKHAND Mahto Shri Tek Lal

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to grant special status to Jharkhand State to increase its agriculture production;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the steps taken by the Union Government for promoting agriculture to improve the condition of 80 per cent farmers in Jharkhand; and

(d) the details of the amount allocated for promotion of agriculture in Jharkhand in the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA) (NPDP) (a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The schemes of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation are meant to enhance agricultural production and productivity which, in turn, improves the well being of the farmers in all States/U.Ts of the country including Jharkhand. The major schemes/interventions of the Department operational in Jharkhand are as follows:

Macro Management of Agriculture consisting of 27 schemes, out of which the major ones being implemented in Jharkhand are National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA); Horticulture schemes and Integrated Cereal Development Programme (ICDP) for Rice.

On Farm Water Management for Increasing Crop Production in Eastern India through provision of irrigation infrastructure to help farmers. There are four components under the scheme namely

(i) construction of shallow tube wells with pumping sets,

(ii) low lift irrigation points,

(iii) distribution of electric/diesel pumping sets and

(iv) construction of dug wells in plateau regions.

(d): The funds allocated under major schemes of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, during the last three years, in Jharkhand are at Annex-I. The schemes of Accelerated Maize Development Programme (AMDP), Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) and National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) have been merged into the Integrated Scheme for Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM), with effect from 1.4.2004, which is not being implemented in Jharkhand.

ANNEX-I

Allocation of funds under major schemes of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation in the State of Jharkhand during the last three years.

(Rs. lakhs)

Name of Scheme 2001-02 2002-03 2003-04

Macro Management in Agriculture 1400.00 1200.00 1200.00 On Farm Water Management for # 1225.00 440.40 increasing Crop Production in Eastern India. Accelerated Maize Development 22.83 3.00 0 Programme (AMDP) Oilseeds Production Programme 30.00 10.00 9.00 National Pulses Development Project 15.00 10.00 9.00

(NPDP)

The scheme is being implemented w.e.f the financial year 2002-03.