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CENTRAL STATE FARM IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up a Central State Farm in Raichur district of Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details and the extent of the land allotted to it for utilisation in various farm activities in the last three years;
- (c) whether a large area of the land is lying unutilised;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for proper utilisation of the said land?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) & (b): A Central State Farm was set up in 1969 at Jawalgera in Raichur district of Karnataka under the State Farms Corporation of India (SFCI), a Central Public Sector Enterprise under the administrative control of Ministry of Agriculture.

Raichur farm has a total area of 2960 ha, out of which 1564 ha is culturable and the remaining is unculturable. Out of the culturable area, only 800 hectares is irrigated while remaining is rainfed. 1396 ha is unculturable area out of which 325 ha has been utilized for office/residential blocks, schools, roads, warehousing facilities etc. During the last three years 865 ha, 841 ha and 851.5 ha of land was utilized during 2010-11, 2011-12 & 2012-13 respectively.

(c) to (e): Initially this farm was in the form of jungle/barren. Over the year SFCI has taken initiative to develop this farm. The underground water has high salt content and not suitable for irrigation. The farm is dependent on canal water from the Tungabhadra Dam through a distributor channel situated at the tail end. As against an authorized discharge of 42.48 cusecs, availability of water is only around 15 cusecs. However, despite locational limitations, like large tracts of unculturable land, limited scope for irrigation, presence of brackish water, etc., the farm land in question is being used in the best possible way. The farm has developed water storage tanks and chakdams to store rainfall and excess canal water for utilization in the crops. Seeds produced at this farm are supplied within Karnataka state.

SFCI is continuously carrying out various developmental and infrastructure creation activities to augment the cultivated area. In order to improve working and profit performance of CSF, Raichur, the Corporation has invested Rs. 1.99 crore during past two years.