

Agricultural and Livestock

1131. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the assistance provided by the Union Government to various States for development of agriculture and livestock during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Union Government propose the enhance the assistance during the current financial year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) Government of India is implementing a number of Central/Centrally sponsored schemes to help the States in the development of agriculture and livestock. The details of assistance provided to State Governments during the last three years were as follows :

Year	Amount (Rs. in Crores)
1995-96	886.05
1996-97	971.41
1997-98	922.82 (Provisional)

(b) to (d) Funds would be released to the State Governments under various Central/Centrally sponsored schemes based on the proposals received from the State Governments, total allocation in the budget of the Department and the amount remaining unutilised out of earlier releases made.

[Translation]

Extension of Canal from Narora Dam

1132. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to extend the canal from Narora Dam up to Dataganj in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) If so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) No such proposal has been received by Union Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[English]

Cashewnut Cultivation

1133. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the steps are taken by the Government to promote cashewnut cultivation in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of India has launched a Centrally sponsored scheme during VIII Plan on Integrated Development Programme of Cashew with a plan outlay of Rs.47.85 crores. The Scheme was continued during 1997-98 with an outlay of Rs.16.00 crore and it is being continued during 1998-99 also. The following programmes have been taken up under this scheme :

- (i) Multiplication and supply of planting material of improved and high yielding varieties.
- (ii) Improving productivity of existing plantation.
- (iii) Adoption of improved production and pest management practices.
- (iv) Training of farmers.

Subarnarekha Irrigation Project

1134. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK :
SHRI A. KHARABELA SWAIN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total funds earmarked and spent on the Inter-State Subarnarekha Irrigation Project as on date;

(b) the progress made on construction work of the project;

(c) the extent to which the States of Orissa, Bihar and West Bengal are likely to be benefitted after completion of the project;

(d) whether the Union Government are contemplating to take over this project for its early completion ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) A Statement-I is enclosed.

(b) A Statement-II is enclosed.

(c) The proposed annual irrigation benefits due to Subarnarekha project in the State of Bihar, Orissa and West Bengal are as under :

- (i) Bihar 2.370 lakh ha.
(ii) Orissa 1.875 lakh ha.

(iii) West Bengal 1.300 lakh ha.

(d) No Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement - I

Subarnarekha Project	Latest Estimated cost	Expendt. upto 3/92	VIII Plan outlay as approved by working Group	VII Plan (antd. expenditure)	Total antd. expenditure upto 3/97	1997-98 outlay	Antd. exp. 97-98
1. Bihar portion (at 1996 price level)	2376.15	561.19	335.00	205.37	766.56	35.00	25.56
2. Orissa Portion (Including Common Components in Bihar State) (at 1995 price level)	1270.50	179.92	795.00	127.26	307.18	-	40.43
3. West Bengal portion (at 1997 price level)	595.00	4.72	60.00	9.79	14.51	6.00	6.00

* Including Rs. 4.4 crores paid to Govt. of Bihar for share cost.

Statement - II

PROGRESS UPTO MARCH 1998

Subarnarekha Project (Bihar Portion)

- (a) Chandil Dam - 97% (except installation of gates)
(b) Icha Dam - 30%
(c) Galudih Barrage - 98% (except installation of gates)
(d) Kharkai Barrage - Yet to be started
(e) Chandil LBC - 70%
(f) Icha LBC - 30%
(g) Galudih RBC - 70%
(h) Icha RBC - 50%
(i) Galudih LBC - Yet to be stated
(j) Kharkai RBC - 25%
(k) Kharkai LBC - NIL

Subarnarekha Projects (Orissa Portion)

- (a) **Jambhira Dam**
Earthwork 98%
Embankment 88%
Concrete & Masonry 82%
Rock toe & Rip-rap 54%

- (b) **Haldia and Baura Dams**
Yet to be started

(c) Canals	Earthwork	Lining	Staructures
(i) Subarnarekha Main Canal	84%	—	31%
(ii) Subarnarekha branch Canal	Yet to be started		
(iii) Betnoti branch Canal	74%	—	16%
(iv) Jambhira right Bank Canal	42%	—	11%
(v) Jambhira LBC	Yet to be started		
(vi) Distribution system	Yet to be started		

Subarnarekha Project (West Bengal Portion)

No appreciable work done so far.