

*[English]***Centrally Sponsored Schemes**

1228. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK:  
SHRI T. GOVINDAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some centrally sponsored agricultural extension schemes are being implemented in different States;

(b) if so, the details of such schemes; and

(c) the allocation of fund made to the States under those schemes during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

**Seeds and Fertilizers**

1229. SHRI MADHAV RAO PATIL:  
SHRI ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL:  
SHRI SADASHIVRAO DADODA MANDLIK:  
SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK:  
SHRI NRIPEN GOSWAMI:  
SHRI CHANDRASHEKHAR SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the farmers are not getting seeds, fertilizers and pesticides in several States including Maharashtra in time and the yield of agricultural production is declining as a result thereof;

(b) if so, the details of concrete steps proposed by the Government to provide improved quality of these items and subsidy to the farmers;

(c) the number of incidents of bungling in purchase of these items by the Government Departments and their poor quality in the States of Maharashtra and Karnataka has been brought to the notice of the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) and (b) Making available adequate quantity and quality of seeds, fertilisers and pesticides to farmers in all States including in Maharashtra is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government. The Central Government, however, reviews availability position of these inputs during Zonal Conferences/Kharif/Rabi Conferences and make

arrangements for inter-state supply/movements. There has been no decline in the productivity of foodgrains (yield per hectare) due to shortage of inputs as indicated in the following table:

	<u>1994-95</u>	<u>1996-97</u>
	(Yield per hectare in kgs.)	
All India	1546	1601
Maharashtra	852	1058

(c) and (d) No case of bungling in the purchase of these inputs including their poor quality has been reported from the State of Maharashtra and Karnataka.

*[Translation]***Tubewells in Tal Areas**

1230. DR. MADAN PRASAD JAISWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have not accorded sanction to the shallow tubewells related projects for irrigation in the Tal areas so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Minor irrigation schemes which include shallow tubewells are planned, funded and executed by the State Government from their own budgetary resources. These schemes do not require any sanction from Union Government.

**Incentives of Rabi Crop**

1231. SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the financial benefits which are likely to be given to the farmers for Rabi Crop maize having yield of seven or eight tonnes per hectare;

(b) if so, the shortage of wheat which is likely to be made up by the crop of maize;

(c) if so, the time by which the special incentives are likely to be provided; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a), (c) and (d) For promoting maize, incentives to farmers for both kharif and