

(b) if so, other observations and recommendations made in the report for improving the global security environment; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) The Geneva based United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) organised an off-the-record meeting of academics, non Governmental organisations and Government representatives on *"The implications of South Asia's Nuclear Tests for the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Regimes"* in Geneva from 7-8 September 1998. The Report of this Conference summarises the discussions held, and various policy options suggested, during the meeting by the participants in their personal capacities. Not all points in the Report received the support of all participants, nor did their inclusion imply endorsement by the UNIDIR or any other body. The summary of the Report, included proposals relating to prevention of war, in particular nuclear war, saving the non-proliferation and nuclear arms control regimes and coping with effects on regional tensions, especially in the Middle East. As the Report itself notes, these proposals were not consistent. The Report was also not conclusive in terms of observations and recommendations.

(c) Government's decisions relating to our nuclear policy will continue to be taken in accordance with our own assessment of national security requirements.

Harabhangi Irrigation Project

1172. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of villages affected by the execution of the World Bank aided Harabhangi Irrigation Project in Orissa; and

(b) the details of the steps taken/propose to be taken by the Union Government to provide them proper rehabilitation and adequate compensation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Under the World Bank aided Harbhangi Irrigation Project four villages, namely Bebiri, Poipani, Kankalaguda and Gonduripadar are fully affected and two villages, namely, Adapanaka and Pabangan are partially affected.

(b) Displaced families have been resettled in Ashryarpur, Kantahur, Adapanka and Pattachhada villages where facilities like Tubewells, School, Community Centre, Open Wells, Colony road, and Electricity has been provided. Rehabilitation Assistance has been paid to the displaced persons as per Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy, 1994 of the State Government.

Production/Cold Storage Capacity of Potatoes

1173. SHRI CHETAN CHAUHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the average annual production of potatoes in the country during the last three years and the current year also, State-wise;

(b) whether the existing storage capacity of potatoes in the above States are sufficient;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to augment storage and marketing facilities of potatoes in the above States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) State-wise average annual production of potato during the last three years and likely production during the current year is shown in the attached statement.

(b) and (c) The existing storage capacity is insufficient. The Working Group of the Planning Commission for IX Plan has assessed requirement of an additional 15 lakh tonnes of capacity. The reasons for insufficient capacity creation have been irregular power supply to the cold storage, high cost of power tariff and low profitability of the cold storage industry on account of low rentals in many States.

(d) The Government of India have repealed the Central Cold Storage Control Order and have advised the State Governments who had their own Cold Storage Acts/Orders to repeal such Act/Orders and free the cold storage industry for attracting investment. The Government is providing soft loan assistance from National Horticulture Board to a maximum of Rs. 35 lakhs for each project and the National Cooperative Development Corporation is providing financial assistance to the cold storage industry in the Cooperative Sector. It is further proposed to modify the assistance from soft loan to capital subsidy at the rate of 25%. Besides, commercial banks will provide loans for cold storage at the prime lending rates.

Statement**State-wise average Annual Production of Potato**

(Production in Lakhs Tonnes)

Name of the State	Total Production			
	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99*
1. Uttar Pradesh	74.65	95.91	60.66	94.00
2. West Bengal	62.58	84.72	59.49	50.00
3. Bihar	15.08	16.59	14.61	40.00
4. Madhya Pradesh	5.18	8.48	6.66	8.10
5. Gujarat	4.60	7.39	6.23	7.88
6. Punjab	7.95	8.45	8.52	7.25
7. Haryana	2.10	1.66	1.78	2.50
8. Others	16.29	18.95	18.57	25.89
Total:	188.43	242.15	176.52	235.62

* Likely production.

Bore Well

1174. DR. SAROJA V.: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the work executed by the Central Ground Water Board in Tamil Nadu during each of the last three years;

(b) whether special types of drills and accessories are required for boring wells in hilly districts of Tamil Nadu;

(c) if so, whether such drills and accessories are available with the Central Ground Water Board, Tamil Nadu, for their smooth working; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by the Government to make available above required drills and accessories to CGWB, Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE