

activities, workshops and information dissemination.

- \* to strengthen the capacities of local organisations in Andhra Pradesh to develop and transfer biotechnologies through research activities and conduct analysis in the field of technology assessment, and
- \* to promote discussions on biosafe measures and to contribute to discussion on issues of intellectual property where appropriate. The budget for this programme is 8 million Netherlands Guilders which is approximately Rs. 18.00 crores.

(c) The programme is for a period of five years starting from 1996 to 2000 AD.

[Translation]

#### Bargi Dam

5097. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the work on the ambitious right bank canal of Bargi irrigation project is proceeding at a slow pace;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the work on the left bank canal of the project is being undertaken with loans from NABARD;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government propose to secure loans from some International Financial Institution for completion of this project; and
- (f) if so, the efforts being made by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. There has been delay in execution of Right Bank Canal under Bargi Dam Project due to low priority given by Government of Madhya Pradesh.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. NABARD has sanctioned a loan of Rs. 42.50 crores for a part of left Bank Canal system consisting of Khajuri Distributory, Kunwarpur Distributory and Hareri Branch Canal.

(e) Yes Sir.

(f) The project was posed for financial assistance to Overseas Economic Co-operation fund of Japan, but it did not find favour with donor agency.

[Translation]

#### Development of Hilly Areas

5098. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Planning Commission propose to constitute a committee to monitor the developmental work in hilly/tribal areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Planning and development of an area and allocation of funds for the purpose is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, Planning Commission, through the Plan discussions, annually assesses the progress of the various schemes in the States. In view of the above, there is no proposal to constitute a committee to monitor the developmental work in hilly/tribal areas.

[English]

#### Hybrid Varieties of Sugarcane

5099. SHRI PANKAJ CHOUDHRY :  
SHRI RAMPAL SINGH :  
SHRI BIKRAM KESHARI DEO :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the government have issued directions to conduct research work on the hybrid varieties of sugarcane;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds likely to be spent on the research work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) and (b) The work on production of hybrid varieties of Sugarcane has been going since long in the country. The hybrid fluff (true seed) produced in the 'National Hybridisation Garden' located at Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore is supplied to different locations in the country for *in situ* selection of hybrid varieties of sugarcane. The *germplasm* collections