

during 1989-90 sums of Rs. 7.41 crores and Rs. 88 lakhs have been released under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme and National Drinking Water Mission, respectively.

#### **Immunisation Programme**

1461. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether requests have been received by Government to accord highest priority to immunisation programme in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken by Government on those representations?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTARY): (a) and (b). Recognising the importance of reducing morbidity and mortality related to vaccine preventable diseases very high priority has been accorded to Immunization Programme as part of our effort to ensure "Health for All by 200 A.D." An outlay of Rs. 240 crores was provided for this priority programme during the 7th Plan. This Programme shall continue to receive priority attention during 8th Plan also.

#### **Price of Pulses**

1462. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:  
SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE  
PATIL:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the average prevailing prices of each type of dal both wholesale and retail, during November and December, 1989 and January and February, 1990; and

(b) the steps taken to keep these prices in check and increase production thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA):

(a) The required information is given in the Statements I, II, and III below.

(b) Government is regularly reviewing the prices. Measures taken to increase production of pulses are mentioned in the Statement at Annexure-II attached. However, availability of pulses at present is being augmented by imports. The custom duty of pulses was reduced from 35% to 10% from 1.11.1989 so that the prices of indigenous pulses are also brought down.