

bore wells in most of the States like Rajasthan, Gujarat, etc., which have drinking water supply problem of their own. State Government has been advised to contact the other States directly. The Central Ground Water Board has however, agreed to divert two DTH and one rotary rig for carrying out the drilling programme in Madhya Pradesh on payment of cost. The State Government has also been advised to use 70-80 drilling rigs available with the irrigation agencies for its emergent drinking water programme.

#### **Shortage of Drinking Water in Kolhapur District of Maharashtra**

10238. SHRI UDAISINGRAO GAIKWAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is acute shortage of drinking water in Kolhapur District of Maharashtra; and

(b) whether Government propose to allocate special funds to Maharashtra to tackle the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) No such report has been received from the Government of Maharashtra.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Construction of Pune-Bypass**

10239. SHRI V.N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has in November, 1989 submitted a proposal for construction of Pune-bypass connecting Pune Solapur and Bombay-Pune-Kolhapur National Highways;

(b) if so, whether Union Government have sanctioned the Project; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b). The proposal for the alignment of Pune-bypass connecting Pune-Solapur Road (NH.9) and Bombay-Pune-Kolhapur Road (NH.4) received from the Maharashtra Government has been approved in principle in January, 1990. Also provision has been made in the Annual Plan 1990-91 for sanction of land acquisition for this bypass at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.00 lakhs.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Pilot Projects on Pesticide used for Agriculture**

10240. SHRIMATI SUBHASHINI ALI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether use of DDT is likely to be phased out in view of the success achieved by the Pilot Project started by Government at Cochin;

(b) if so, the time-frame for phasing out of DDT and emergence of biocides;

(c) whether similar pilot projects have been conceived for other pesticides in use in India for agriculture; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, pesticide-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR). (a) and (b). Under Department of Biotechnology funded Project at Anna University, Madras, Biocides formulation has been