

the grip of unprecedented drought for the last five years,

(c) whether the project of Rewa Development Block of Rewa District is now being transferred to some other place; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) Rupees one crore thirty eight lakhs thirty one thousand nine hundred fifty three only (Rs 1,38,31,953) has been incurred during 1971-72 to 1989-90 on Agricultural Development Programme under Dryland Farming Project in Rewa Development Block in Rewa District of Madhya Pradesh by the State Government

(b) As per the reports of the IMD the Rewa district had received normal rainfall from 1982 to 1988. Only during 1989 monsoon season, it received 24% less than the normal rainfall

(c) No, Sir

(d) Question does not arise

[English]

### Production of Seeds

8096. SHRI RAMDAS SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target was fixed for the production of various varieties of seeds by the end of Seventh Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the target fixed has been achieved; and

(d) the estimated demand of seed in the country and the measures taken to meet the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. On the basis of target for seed replacement rate, seed distribution targets of 107.33 lakhs qtls. during 1989-90, the terminal year of the 7th Five Year Plan were fixed. After mid-term appraisal they were revised to 70 lakh qtls

(c) No, Sir

(d) On the basis of the information received from States/UTs the estimated demand during 1989-90 was 59.39 lakh qtls. for various crops. Steps taken to increase the availability of certified seed include

- i) Implementation of National Seed Programme Phase-III with the assistance of the World Bank
- ii) Provision of incentives and subsidy to increase production and distribution of seeds through various Crop Development Programmes.
- iii) Buffer stocking of the seed to meet the sudden demand of seed during emergencies.

[Translation]

### Import of Drilling Machines

8097. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether drilling machines for deep drilling of tubewells for drinking water, are