

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

being imported through foreign agencies; and

(b) if so, whether some of these machines would be given to Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Sugarcane Production

8098. SHRI PHOOLCHAND VARMA:
SHRI R.N. RAKESH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of sugarcane production during the year 1989-90; and

(b) the total quantity of sugarcane likely to be produced in 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA):

(a) Final estimates of production of sugarcane for the year 1989-90 have not yet become due from the States. However, as per the preliminary assessment, the output of sugarcane is expected to be around 210 million tonnes during the year.

(b) It is too early to make an assessment of the sugarcane output for 1990-91. However, a tentative target of 220 million tonnes has been proposed for 1990-91.

[English]

Manufacture of Cordless Telephone

8099. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT:
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications have recently given an order for the manufacture of cordless telephones to Indian Telephone Industries (ITI);

(b) if so, the details of the order and terms and conditions thereof;

(c) whether several private sector manufacturers of telecom equipment have expressed their desire to make available cordless telephones at much lower rate than III; and

(d) if so, the criteria adopted by Government in this regard to get telecom equipments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No orders have placed on ITI for cordless telephones.

(b) to (d). Does not arise.

[Translation]

Para-Military Forces Deployed in Uttar Pradesh

8100. SHRI SHEO SHARAN VARMA:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the strength of para-military forces sent to Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;