

DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Now I will put my question. The production of foodgrains per hectare is 11.62 quintals and 11.54 quintals during the last two years. Further, if this ratio is kept I want to know if we can achieve our goal or reaching the target of any other developing country comparable to India, if not of any developed country. At the same time, the total utilisation of irrigation during the year 1984-85 was estimated at 60.4 million hectares; and in 1981-82—he says—it was 51.61 million hectares. So, I want to know why there is a gap between these two, whether there is a deficiency of water or there is any problem with water management, whether we are getting any financial assistance for this, and whether there is any scheme envisaged in the Seventh Five Year Plan or not.

S. BUTA SINGH : I am sorry, I am not able to get the import of the question.

It is already very clear from the statement itself that the net irrigated area has increased, from 39.7 million hectares to 51.61 million hectares. Similarly we propose to add more irrigated areas to our net cultivated area. This is how we tackle the food production. There is always scope for increasing the productivity, which is receiving our attention. We are trying to see that in this part of the world, India becomes a leading country in the per hectare productivity in foodgrains. I am happy to share with the august House the information that in Punjab and Haryana we are doing well—as good as China, the most advanced country in agriculture in this part of the world, is doing. This technique has to be taken to western and eastern parts of the country. Wherever facilities like irrigation are available, it has been proved that we can do it. We have done in West Bengal in wheat and rice. We can do it in other parts of the country and we are trying.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[Translation]

**Programme on working of D.D.A.
Telecast on T.V.**

***285. SHRI JAGANNATH CHOU-DHARY :** Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a programme on the working of Delhi Development Authority was telecast on T.V. on 4 November, 1985 in which Chairman and Deputy Chairman of DDA and general public participated; and

(b) if so, reaction of Government to the matters raised during that discussion ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI DALBIR SINGH) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main issues raised in the TV telecast on the working of the DDA related to :

(i) Corruption in the public interface of DDA,

(ii) Quality of construction and

(iii) Improvement in working.

The Government attaches a great importance to these issues and have been making continues efforts to remedy the situation.

Following steps have been taken in this direction :

(i) DDA has strengthened its Quality Control Cell.

(ii) Disciplinary action has been taken wherever officers have been found wanting in integrity.

(iii) Supervision at different levels has been intensified, There are more and more surprise inspections at work sites and checking of materials.

(iv) Computerisation has been introduced to bring in uniformity and close monitoring.

(v) Tata Consultancy Services have been engaged to study and suggest streamlining of the work of the Organisation.

**Central Legislation on Construction
Labour**

***291. SHRI B. V. DESAI :** Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state: