

information received from the State Government 7758 problem villages out of 11642 problem villages in the hilly districts of Uttar Pradesh have been provided with safe drinking water facilities so far and 3884 problem villages still remain to be covered.

(c) During the Seventh Plan, the aim would be to provide adequate drinking water to the entire rural population including hilly areas.

#### Export of fish and prawns

\*917. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantum of fish exported from the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether prawns available on the West Coast of the country have a great demand in foreign countries; and

(c) if so, the countries to which prawns are exported from India ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a) As per information received from the Marine Products Exports Development Authority, Ministry of Commerce, the total quantum of fish exported from the country is as follows :

Year	Quantity (in tonnes)	Value (Rs. in crores)
1982-83	12,847	18.87
1983-84	22,573	29.10
1984-85	9,091	14.40

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Prawns are exported to 20 countries and the most important among those are Japan, USA, UK, France, Belgium and Australia.

#### Development of drought resistant varieties of rice

\*918. SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any drought resistant varieties of rice have been developed by the Agricultural Research Centres in the country;

(b) if so, the names of varieties so released and whether they are long or short term varieties; and

(c) the per hectare yield of these varieties ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a), (b) and (c). Yes, Sir. A number of drought resistant varieties of rice have been developed under the aegis of various programmes of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. Information on 25 popular varieties released for drought prone rainfed uplands in various States and their duration (number of days to mature) is as under :

State	Varieties	Duration (Days)
1	2	3
Kerala	Suvarnamodan	100
Bihar	Kanchan	100
	Prahlad	115
	Narasingh	115