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7.	मध्य प्रदेश	मध्य प्रदेश वस्तु व्यापार निगम लि०
8.	तमिलनाडु	तमिलनाडु नागरिक पूर्ति निगम लि०
9.	उत्तर प्रदेश	उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य खाद्य तथा आवश्यक वस्तु निगम लि०
10.	उड़ीसा	उड़ीसा राज्य नागरिक पूर्ति निगम
11.	पश्चिम बंगाल	पश्चिम बंगाल आवश्यक वस्तु पूर्ति निगम
12.	गुजरात	गुजरात राज्य नागरिक पूर्ति निगम
13.	दिल्ली	नागरिक पूर्ति निगम, दिल्ली

Scheme for Promotion of Agricultural Operations in Dry Lands

*375. SHRI K. PRADHANI :

SHRI K. MALLANNA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have framed schemes during the current Five Year Plan to promote agricultural operation in dry lands;

(b) whether it is also a fact that great emphasis was laid on this issue;

(c) if so, whether Government have sought foreign assistance in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir,

(c) and (d) Watershed development approach has been adopted as a national strategy for development of dryland agriculture for which no large scale foreign assistance is necessary. However, some technical assistance to the research programme is being

given by Canada. A Pilot Project for Watershed Development in limited areas in four States is being launched with the assistance of World Bank.

Betel Research Project in West Bengal

*376. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has taken any steps to set up any full-fledged Betel Research Project in West Bengal which is the largest producer State of betel leaves in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has sanctioned on March 21, 1983 a full-fledged Research Centre on Betelvine at the Bidhan Chandra Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya (BCKVV) Kalyani in West Bengal which is one of the major betelvine growing States of the country.

(b) The Betelvine Research Project has 8 centres in different parts of the country