

के निःशुल्क वितरण और
आदानों भूमि, विकास तथा
स्टाफ पर आने वाली लागत
के लिए एकमुश्त आबंटन 1.00 लाख रुपए

योग : 5.00 लाख रुपए

छोटे तथा सीमान्त किसानों की जोतों पर
जलावन तथा फल देने वाले बूझों के रोपण के
लिए 50,000 रु० का प्रावधान किया गया है,
जो नर्सरियां तैयार करने और मुफ्त या दस पैसे
प्रति पौध के हिसाब से मामूली शुल्क लेकर
पौधों की सप्लाई करने के लिए हैं। प्रत्येक
ब्लाक के लिए 80,000 पौधों का रोपण करने
का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है। छोटे तथा
सीमान्त किसान को अपनी निजी भूमि में फल
देने वाले अथवा जलावन वाले कम-से-कम
25% पौधे लगाना आवश्यक है।

Development of Regulated Markets

*382. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHA-
DASAN NADAR: Will the Minister of
RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to
state :

(a) whether Government of India are
having any scheme to provide assistance to
State Governments for the development of
regulated markets; and

(b) if so, details thereof and the
amount, if any, given to Kerala under this
scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOP-
MENT (SHRI HARINATHA MISRA) :
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the scheme for development
of selected regulated markets, central assis-
tance is given at the following rates for
providing infrastructural facilities for agri-
cultural markets which meet the require-
ments of the scheme :

(i) Regulated Markets handling com-
mercial crops (Jute, Tobacco,
Cotton, Groundnut, Cashewnut,
Coconut, Potatoes, Onion, Betal,
leaves, and chillies)
Rs. 4 lakhs per market.

(ii) Regulated markets situated in
command areas
Rs. 5 lakhs per market.

(iii) Terminal Markets for Fruits
and Vegetables.
Rs. 15 lakhs per market.

Kerala State has not so far availed of
any central assistance under the scheme.

Projects to Increase Groundnut Production in Gujarat

*383. SHRI MOHANLAL PATEL: Will
the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state :

(a) what are the short and long term
measures which have been included in laun-
ching the special project on groundnut in
Gujarat;

(b) what has been the increase in pro-
duction of groundnut as a result of the
special measures taken; and

(c) what other steps are being taken to
increase the production of groundnut in the
country, particularly in Gujarat State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI
YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c)
A Statement is laid on the Table of the
Sabha.

Statement

(a) The short and long term measures
included in the special project for increasing
groundnut production in Gujarat are:—

(i) distribution of quality seeds;

- (ii) early sowing of kharif groundnut by providing pre-sowing irrigation;
- (iii) provision of protective irrigation to kharif crop;
- (iv) closer spacing;
- (v) adoption of plant protection measures and improved agronomic practices; and
- (vi) increased target for area under summer groundnut from 68,000 hectares in 1979-80 to 2 lakh hectares in 1983-84.

The total cost of the project is Rs. 35 crores.

(b) As a result of the measures taken the groundnut production in Gujarat is reported as below :

Year	Production (lakh tonnes)
1980-81	16.45
1981-82	21.98
1982-83	13.13 (drought year)

For the current year (1983-84) firm estimates are not yet available, but the State Government have indicated that the crop prospects of groundnut are very good.

(c) The other steps include timely supply of inputs, extension and credit support and fixation of support price.

Network of Irrigation in Konkan Region of Maharashtra

*384. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no network of irrigation in the Konkan region of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that water due to heavy rains is wasted to a very great extent and not conserved and utilised properly;

(c) whether construction of a network of irrigation facilities in this region will reduce the destructive potential of flood waters in this region and harness water for production purposes; and

(d) what Central assistance will be made available to the State Government for such schemes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (c) According to a study made by a High Power Committee set up by the Government of Maharashtra, in 1980-81, 75% dependable surface water resource of the Konkan region, is about 5273 thousand ha. m. Of these about 35% i. e. 1971 T. ha. m. can be utilised from the identified storages. According to the Committee's Report, the completed surface irrigation projects in Konkan region comprise one major irrigation and several minor irrigation works which have an irrigation potential of 35159 ha. As per report of the Committee, an irrigation potential of about 0.86 lakh ha. is expected to be created on completion of the Projects then under construction. To make maximum use of the surface waters, the Committee have in all identified 7 major, 96 medium and 3571 minor projects which will cover an area of 3.67 lakh ha. under irrigation.

Thus there is considerable scope for future utilisation of the water resources of the region for irrigation and other uses but detailed field investigations are required before feasibility reports are formulated and their possible benefits can be spelt out.

The Konkan region does not have chronic problem of flood damages of serious order but occasional flood problem due to