

Land Saving Technology

*968. SHRI A.K. ROY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the Report of the 18th Annual Convocation of Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology in March, 1984;

(b) whether stress was laid on "land saving technology;

(c) if so, reaction of Government thereto and the steps taken thereon; and

(d) whether Central Government propose to give concrete guidelines in this respect to the states ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) The Government is aware of the Convocation Address delivered by Shri Balram Jakhar, Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha at the 18th Annual Convocation of the Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology on March 4, 1984 at Bhubaneswar (Orissa).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Government has already taken action by planning and implementing various programmes of intensive agriculture for maximization of production per unit area and time. The research focus during the 6th Five Year Plan has also been on synthesis of early maturing cultivars for use in intensive crop rotations, breeding varieties for high yields and stable production, developing varieties for problem areas, and conservation of natural resources including land. These strategies are being fulfilled through a research network of State Agricultural Universities and ICAR Research Institutes.

Pipes used in Sprinkler Irrigation System

10060. SHRI DOONGAR SINGH Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether aluminium pipes have been used since long in sprinkler irrigation equipments all over the country quite satisfactorily;

(b) whether sprinkler irrigation system manufacturers have been trying to replace traditionally used aluminium pipes by light gauge galvanised steel pipes;

(c) whether his Ministry has received representations from some other manufacturers of sprinkler irrigation system giving technical details and certificates against the use of steel pipes which being very thin are not at all durable; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAMNIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) to (d) Aluminium pipes are generally used for sprinkler irrigation in the country. In the last week of February 1984 a letter was received from a company manufacturing aluminium pipes stating that one of the suppliers/manufacturers of Sprinkler Irrigation equipment is making attempts to introduce light gauge galvanised steel pipes in place of aluminium pipes. The question of the standardization of all the equipment used for Sprinkler and Drip irrigation is being referred to the Indian Standards Institution.

मंडावली फाजलपुर के नक्शों (ले-आउट प्लान) में संशोधन

10061. श्री मूल चन्द वर्मा : क्या निर्माण और आवास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मंडावली फाजलपुर की ई-13 ले-आउट प्लान (नक्शा) में कुछ परिवर्तन/संशोधन किया गया है,

(ख) इसके लिए सरकार द्वारा भूमि के कितने क्षेत्र का अधिग्रहण करने का विचार है;