

क्षेत्र निम्नलिखित हैं :—

राज्य	क्षेत्र हेक्टेयर में
हरियाणा और पंजाब	2,37,000
मध्य प्रदेश	40,000
महाराष्ट्र	3,800
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कुल	2,80,800
	अर्थात् 0.28
	मिलियन है०

Crash plans to locate sub-soil water

*726. SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Madras city is facing a severe water famine and citizens get only nine gallons per head on alternate days;

(b) if so, whether it is also reported that this supply may taper off by May, 1975;

(c) if so, whether crash plans to locate sub-soil water have been undertaken and some new sources of potable water have also been tapped;

(d) if so, broad outlines of the crash programme; and

(e) steps being taken to help the State for providing water ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) The information regarding availability per head per day is being ascertained and will be placed on the Table of the House when received.

(b) to (d) The information when received from the State Government will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) As requested by the State Government this Ministry has been able to secure 2 rigs from Andhra Pradesh, 3 rigs from Maharashtra and one each from Orissa and Karnataka for deployment in Tamil Nadu. Through UNICEF Assistance 1000 hand pumps are also being provided from Tamil Nadu Government for a pre-investment survey with UNDP assistance is under consideration. A sum of Rs. 2 crores has also been released recently by the Centre to hasten up the Veeranam Water Supply Project.

Request from States to increase foodgrains quota

*727. SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI : SHRI P. GANGADEB :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether some States had approached the Centre for increasing the quota of foodgrains recently;

(b) if so, which are those States; and

(c) whether the Centre increased the quota of foodgrains to the States during the last quarter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) : (a) to (c) Requests are received from time to time from the State Governments for increasing the quota of foodgrains from the Central stocks. Allotments from the Central Pool are made every month to the various State Governments/Administration keeping in view the stocks of foodgrains in the Central Pool, the relative needs of the States, market availability, price position and other relevant factors.

Request for enhanced allocations were received during the last quarter from the Government of Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamilnadu, Tripura, West Bengal, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Delhi. These demands were considered and after taking all relevant factors into account, increased allotments have been made to these States from time to time during the period from January to April 1975, except in the case of West Bengal whose existing allotments were considered to be adequate.

Fall in price of potatoes in U. P.

*728. SHRI DHAMANKAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE & IRRIGATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news report appearing in the "Times of India" dated the 29th March, 1975 under the caption "Potato prices crash in U. P. following glut";

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government to the various observations made therein; and