

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

(c) steps taken/proposed to be taken to protect the interests of potato growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has seen this report.

(b) The Government is seized of the problems of marketing of potato following a bumper crop of potato this year.

(c) The following steps have been taken to protect the interest of potato growers in Uttar Pradesh :—

- (i) N. A. F. E. D. has entered the market for the purchase of potato both for domestic market and export. They have already purchased about 1800 bags in Farrukhabad District and this had a salutary effect on the market.
- (ii) A quantity of 500 tonnes of potato has been exported to Mauritius.
- (iii) The State Government of Uttar Pradesh has been requested to set up a Potato Dehydration Plant at Farukhabad.
- (iv) The State Government has also been requested to take necessary steps for the construction of additional cold storages.

श्री इण्डिया सुगर लिमिटेड लि०, हुसैनपुर
द्वारा गन्ना उत्पादकों को बकाया राशि
का भुगतान न करना

* 729. श्री बबू लियथे : क्या कृषि
धीर सिन्हाई मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे
कि :

(क) क्या समस्तीपुर जिलान्तर्गत (बिहार)
श्री इण्डिया सुगर लिमिटेड लि०, हुसैनपुर द्वारा
वर्ष 1972-73 में गन्ने की कीमत में एक
बयने प्रति किन्टल की दर से की गई वृद्धि
के कारण साठ हजार रुपये की बकाया राशि
गन्ना उत्पादकों को भुगतान न करने और मिल
बेट पर गन्ना कम तौलने के बारे में सरकार
को कोई अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुआ है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस बारे में सरकार
क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

कृषि धीर सिन्हाई मन्त्रालय में राज्य बंको
(श्री कान्हासाहेब शर्मा) : (क) जी हाँ।

(ख) क्योंकि 1972-73 के दौरान
फैक्ट्री द्वारा दिए गए मूल्य केन्द्रीय सरकार
द्वारा गन्ने के निर्धारित किए गए सांख्यिक
न्यूनतम मूल्य से काफी अधिक हैं, इसलिए
फैक्ट्री के विरुद्ध कोई कानूनी कार्यवाही
नहीं की जा सकती है। तथापि, राज्य सरकार
इस मामले के बारे में फैक्ट्री के साथ बात-
चीत कर रही है। फैक्ट्री द्वारा कम गन्ना
तौलने के चार मुकदमों न्यायालय में चल
रहे हैं।

Execution of major and medium irrigation projects

*730. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH
GILL :

SHRI SAT PAL KAPUR :

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

(a) whether the execution of major and
medium irrigation projects proposed in the
draft Fifth Plan will cost 50 per cent more
than the original estimates; and

(b) if so, whether the share of the
burden will be passed on to the States
also where such projects are to be executed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
AND IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR
NATH SINGH) : (a) The Draft Fifth
Five Year Plan envisages an outlay of
Rs. 2401 crores in the Major/Medium
irrigation sector to create an additional
potential of 6.2 million ha. It has now
been assessed that in order to achieve the
target laid down, the Fifth Plan outlay will
have to be increased to Rs. 3750 crores
due to increase in project costs as a result
of price escalation.

(b) Irrigation is a State subject and
irrigation schemes are planned, investi-
gated and executed by the State Govern-
ments within the frame work of their
developmental plans. The cost of all
irrigation projects would, therefore, be
borne, by the State Governments
themselves.