

(a) Whether some State Governments approached the Central Government to undertake survey of underground water in the chronically famine-affected areas of their States;

(b) if so, the names of such States; and

(c) whether the said survey has since been conducted by the Central Government and if so, the areas surveyed and to be surveyed in the current year and the programme drawn in this connection ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Gujarat, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

(c) The Central Ground Water Board (subordinate office under the Ministry of Agriculture) in conducting groundwater exploration in different parts of the country.

In Gujarat, Central Ground Water Board has done work in parts of districts Kutch, Banaskantha, Sabarkantha and Mehsana. Further work is being done in districts Mehsana and Banaskantha.

In Rajasthan, surveys have been conducted in parts of districts, Jodhpur, Jalore, Jaisalmer, Barmer, Pali, Sikar, Jhunjhunu, Nagaur, Alwar and Ganganagar. The Central Ground Water Board is now working in district Nagaur and more work would also be done in districts Churu, Sikar, Jhunjhunu and Bikaner.

In Uttar Pradesh works has been done in districts Pratapgarh, Gahzipur, Ballia, Mirzapur, Varanasi, Allahabad, Jaunpur, Banda and Hamirpur. Further work is being done in district Azamgarh and after that districts Ballia and Allahabad would taken be up.

In Bihar the Central Ground Water Board has done work in districts Muzafar-

nagar, Saran, Dharbanga, Gaya, Shahbad, Mongry and Champaran. In 1972-73, some more work is to be done in Mohania area of district Shahabad.

In Madhya Pradesh also some survey has been proposed under the Drought Prone Areas Programme. Under this programme, surveys are being conducted in districts Betul, Dhar Jhabua and Sidhi by the state Ground Water Directorate.

Maharashtra Government have also written to us for undertaking groundwater surveys in districts Ahmednagar, Nasik, Poona, Sangli, Satara and Sholapur. A groundwater survey project covering some of these areas would be shortly put on the ground by the Central Ground Water Board.

उठाऊ सिंचाई के लिये मध्य प्रदेश
में राशि का आवंटन

5260. श्री अरविंद नेतान : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) चतुर्थ पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान उठाऊ सिंचाई योजनाओं के लिये मध्य प्रदेश के लिए कितनी राशि नियत की गई है; और

(ख) कितने विद्युत चासित पम्प लगाने का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है ?

कृषि मन्त्रालय में राख मन्त्री (श्री० शेर सिंह) : (क) और (ख). राज्य सरकार से जानकारी इकट्ठी की जा रही है और मिसलने पर सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।