

Aid to Andhra Pradesh for Agricultural Pump Sets

*1007. SHRI MANIK REDDY:
SHRI PRAKASH CHAN-
DARA†:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of assistance given/proposed to be provided to the State of Andhra Pradesh for the agricultural pump sets during the year 1988-89; and

(b) the number of agricultural pump sets which are likely to be set up during the year 1988-89?

[*Translation*]

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL) : (a) and (b). Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers (SMFA) for increasing agricultural production, it is proposed to allocate a sum Rs. 620.88 lakhs as Central Grants-in-aid for construction of 41,392 shallow tubewells/dug wells in eight selected districts of Andhra Pradesh under the Special Foodgrains Production Programme (SFPP). For the remaining districts a sum of Rs. 245.01 lakhs has been proposed out of which 70% is meant for minor irrigation works.

Besides, under the Million Well Scheme, 25,500 wells at an estimated cost of Rs. 4947 lakhs have been proposed under NREP/RLEGP during 1988-89 for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe small and marginal farmers in the State.

[*English*]

SHRI MANIK REDDY: What are those 8 selected districts of Andhra Pradesh under

the Special Foodgrains Production Programme (SFPP) selected for the construction of these wells and what is the basis for allocating the above amount?

SHRI BHAJAN LAL: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the 8 districts of Andhra Pradesh are Eastern Godavari, Chittoor, Nalgonda, Khammam, Karim Nagar, Nellore, Warangal and Western Godavari. The selection of place for sinking of tubewells is made on the basis of availability of water. The States and districts are selected on this basis.

SHRI V. TULSIRAM: In the seventh five year plan, the Government of India has fixed a target of producing 185 lakh tonnes of foodgrains, installing 10 lakh pump sets and making available 100 megawatt power to the Southern States. I want to know the number of pump-sets likely to be installed and the number out of those to be energized as well as the number of the farmers to be benefited and likely increase in the production of foodgrains thereby.

MR. SPEAKER: Send him the complete details of the plan.

SHRI BHAJAN LAL: Mr. Speaker, Sir, he has asked about 10 lakh wells. We propose to construct 325 lakh wells during the current year and a sum of Rs. 500 crores is likely to be spent on this in a year. We propose to invest Rs. 1500 crores on the scheme for construction of 10 lakh wells. As I have said, this year we have given Rs. 40 crores to Andhra Pradesh to achieve the target of production.

[*English*]

SHRI K.S.RAO: Krishna district is one district where 50 per cent of the area is dry land area. The people are progressive minded and are intelligent in raising the crops. I wish to know even on the basis of availability of water, is there any scheme if

abundance of water is found, to utilise it, and also whether they will make an assessment or survey of the area once again. Especially the southern parts of Krishna district should be included in it.

[*Translation*]

SHRI BHAJAN LAL: This Krishna district referred to by him is not included in the 8 districts selected and the names I just now mentioned, but we will get it surveyed. If the water is found available there and sinking of tubewells is possible, then it can be considered.

MR. SPEAKER: Tubewells will be constructed, whether water is available or not.

[*English*]

SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: In Andhra Pradesh the underground water potential has not been utilised even upto 50 per cent. There is still more potential, more than 50 per cent to be utilised. In view of the fact that the target of foodgrains production is 175 millions, and also oil seeds, pulses and especially ground nut and others, I want to know if the Government will consider increasing the amount which is allocated, that is Rs. 6 crores and 20 lakhs to be increased further, so that more pump sets can be installed, more wells can be dug and production can be achieved, which will ultimately go to the national pool? Will the Government reconsider and sanction a higher amount?

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER : He will consider it.

SHRI BHAJAN LAL: Mr. Speaker, Sir, there are two different schemes. One scheme is for shallow tubewells in which 6 lakh shallow tubewells will be constructed in one year. The Second scheme is regarding

digging the wells and it is proposed to dig 10 lakh wells under this scheme. The first scheme is for the farmers and small farmers and the second one is for scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and the poor people. Wherever water will be available in the country, the normal scheme will continue, but for the special scheme, we have selected 8 districts. Besides, the construction of tubewells under normal course will continue and allocation is made for it also. There is a separate allocation for this scheme. We will conduct a detailed survey and wherever the water is found available, we will try to construct maximum number of tubewells. The districts, mentioned by the hon. Members, will also be surveyed and efforts will be made to construct tubewells there also.

Job Opportunities in Rajasthan

*1008. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL†:
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JAIN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister during his recent visit of Rajasthan had given an assurance that one member from a family of four members and two members from a family of more than four members will be given Government job;

(b) if so, the number of families in the State which have been given jobs so far in the Union Government/State Government; and

(c) if so, the criteria laid down for providing jobs to them?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL) : (a) to (c). No, Sir. The issue before the Prime Minister did not pertain to Government jobs. This demand was with reference to more employment on the