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RAJYA SABHA

implementation of Embryo Transfer Technology for Preservation of indigenous breeds. Following funds were released during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000:—

	(Rs. in Lakhs)		
	EFST	NBPP	FTP
1997-98	2550	500	120.68
1998-99	552	8	58.00
1999-2K	2499.97	709.98	95.72
TOTAL	5601.97	1217.98	274.40

Agricultural Policy

†4884. SHRI KAJ PIL SIBAL:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any date has been fixed by Government for announcing a new agricultural policy in the country;

(b) if so, what is that date;

(c) if not, the reasons for further delay in the announcement of new agricultural policy; and

(d) whether Government will fix any time-limit in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SIVANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (d) The national Agriculture Policy is in final stage of drafting and is likely to be announced shortly, it is, therefore, not necessary to fix a time-limit for its announcement.

Facilities for production of Agricultural and Horticultural Items in Himachal Pradesh

4885. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.