

ment to review the agricultural marketing has submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations of the Committee;

(c) whether Government propose to bring any legislation and whether any Model Act has been prepared keeping in view the report of the Committee;

(d) what is the reaction of Government with regard to the implementation of recommendations of the Committee; and

(e) whether Government propose to implement the recommendations in the larger interests of the farming community and the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Annexure is enclosed, (See Appendix CLXIX, Annexure No. 65).

(c) to (c) The report is under consideration.

DRINKING WATER PROBLEMS IN DISTRICTS, VILLAGES OF RAJASTHAN

@@@3256-C. SHRI RAJENDRA PRASAD MODY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government received a proposal from the Rajasthan Government to solve the problem of drinking water in some districts of Rajasthan in collaboration with foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of villages to be benefited therefrom;

(c) the total amount to be spent on the scheme; and

(d) the time by which the scheme is likely to be approved and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details of the projects are given as under :—

S. No.	Name of the Project	Name of foreign country	No. of towns and villages to be benefitted	Estimated cost (Rs. in crores)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Integrated Project for water supply in the saline bolts of Jhunjhunu, Churu and Sriganganagar districts.	Germany	11 towns and 956 villages. As a result of the appraisal of the Project by the German Mission, Phase I of the Project will cover 113 villages in Ganganagar, 212 villages of Churu district and 2 towns of Sardarsahar and Taranagar	253.00

@@@Previously Unstarred Question No. 3462 transferred from 24th December, 1993.

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
2.	Drinking Water Supply for villages in Nagaur district from Indira Gandhi Nehru Project.	Sweden (Swedish International Development Agency)	Not finalised	759.00.
<p>SIDA has informed that a Consultant will be appointed to review the project for preparing a feasibility report for covering two blocks only.</p>				
3.	Project for drinking water supply in Bharatpur and Dholpur districts.	—	11 towns and 1814 villages	501.10
4.	Project for problematic area of Ajmer district for supply of water from Bisalpur Dam.	—	205 villages situated route to Bisalpur Project.	52.00 Revised to 130.00

The Project at S. No. 3 and 4 above were returned to the State Government for revising the project clarification on technical points.

(d) This depends upon the final response and acceptance of the Projects by the foreign countries.

EARTHQUAKE-PRONE INDIAN CONTINENT

3257. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the International Workshop on "Strong Motion Instrumentation" at Honolulu in 1978 had declared the North-Eastern Region of India as one of the sixth most earthquake-prone zones of the globe; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government towards the surveillance and

prevention of possible natural calamity similar to unprecedented earthquake in Latur, Maharashtra ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A strong motion array is operating in the northeastern region. Beside this, India Meteorological Department is operating observatories at Shillong, Tura, Imphal, Lekhapani, Agartala, National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad and Regional Research Laboratory, Jorhat and Northeastern Council, Guwahati University are maintaining a complement of seismological observatories for monitoring the seismic activity in the Region.