

Enhancement of cost of construction of an unit under Indira Awas Yohana

1868. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for enhancement of cost of construction of an unit under Indira Awas Yohana; and

(b) if so, whether Government intend to increase the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Criteria for Inclusion under DPAP

1869. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the

Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any criterion to cover a Taluka under Drought Prone Area Programme;

(b) the number of Talukas covered under this scheme in the country; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to cover more Talukas under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) A Block is taken as the lowest unit for demarcating an area as drought prone. The criteria laid down by the Task Force (1982), as modified by the Inter Departmental Group (1984) for inclusion of a Block under Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) are as below:

Block as a Unit for inclusion	Annual rainfall	% of net irrigated area to net sown area
Criteria for inclusion of a Block	(i) below 750 mm	below 20
	(ii) 750-1125 mm	below 15
	(iii) above 1125 mm	below 10

The above criteria is subject to the fact that the number of blocks to be covered should be at least 20 per cent of the total blocks in the district.

(b) 615 blocks in 91 districts of 13 States are covered under the DPAP.

(c) The Government have set up a National Committee which, among other things, would look into the suggestions made by the State Governments for future coverage under DPAP. A decision

on the inclusion of additional areas/blocks, if any, under the Programme will be taken after the Report of the Committee is received.

Induction of three Phase Traction Motors in Diesel and Electric Locomotives

1870. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether in some of the progressive railways in the world, 3-phase induction motors are being used; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken to induct the three phase traction motors in the present diesel and electric locos?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER
IN THE MINISTRY OF RAIL-
WAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) Induction of 3-phase traction motors in the present diesel and electric locomotives is not feasible on techno-economic considerations.

(ii) A new design of electric locomotive with 3-phase traction motors is proposed to be imported along with technology transfer, for future manufacture in the country.

(iii) On diesel locomotives, 3-phase technology is proposed to be introduced first on 2200 horse power Metre Gauge locomotives, for which a tender has been floated. This technology has not yet been well established on very high horse powerful diesel locomotives.

Supply of Fertilizers to Uttar Pradesh

1871. KUMARI ALIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the quantity and quality of fertilizers supplied to Uttar Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise ;

(b) whether the supply of such fertilizers to the Faizabad District has been far below the demand during the above period ;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) the steps being contemplated by Government to meet the fertilizers requirement of the State and Faizabad District particularly during 1990-91 and 1991-92 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AG-
RICULTURE AND COOPERA-
TION IN THE MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH
KUMAR) : (a) The quantity of
fertilisers made available and the
actual consumption of fertilisers in
Uttar Pradesh during the last three
years is given below :

(Lakh tonnes)

Year	Season	Quantity of fertilizers nutrients made available	Consumption of fertilizer nutrients
1987-88	Kharif	13.90	5.12
	Rabi	18.58	10.85
1988-89	Kharif	16.17	8.76
	Rabi	18.94	12.60
1989-90	Kharif	14.51	7.93 (Estt.)
	Rabi	19.35	12.99 (Estt.)

The quality of fertilizers supplied was found to be generally satisfactory.