

India have released an amount of Rs 98.61 lakhs during 1986-87 for increasing area under fruits and vegetables.

(c) Total acreage of land at present under fruits and vegetables cultivation in Gujarat and various States has not been officially estimated as most fruits and vegetables are not forecast crops. However, as per rough estimates for 1984-85 the total area under fruits and vegetables has been estimated at 6.64 million hectare in the country.

(d) Various Central and Centrally Sponsored Schemes have been proposed to be continued for development of fruits and vegetables in different States during 1988 and 1989. A contingency plan on drought for increasing production of vegetables has been sanctioned recently for implementation in 26 States and Union Territories including Gujarat. Government of India have proposed to spend an amount of Rs. 5.62 crores for development of fruits and vegetables in various States under Central and Centrally sponsored schemes during 1988-89. Besides, State Governments will also continue to take up a number of programmes from State plan funds for development of fruits and vegetables.

*** Implementation of rural Development programme in Gujarat**

,1464. SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Rural Development Programmes have been formulated by Government for Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and what are the results of its implementation by Gujarat;

(c) the details of jobs provided to landless labourers, unemployed, small farmers and other during the period from 1st January, 1987 to 31st October, 1987 in each district of Gujarat;

(d) the details of foodgrains and other aids given under the schemes for food-for-work; and

(e) how much amount has been spent during the said period and what is the amount earmarked for 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) and (b). No separate rural development programmes have been formulated by this Department for Gujarat State. The major rural development programmes of this Department viz. IRDP, NREP, RLEGP, DPAP and DDP are being implemented in Gujarat too.

(c) District-wise details are not maintained by this Department.

(d) There is no scheme of food for work at present. The earlier Food for Work Programme was replaced by NREP in October, 1980. However, foodgrains are distributed at subsidised rates as part of wages under NREP and RLEGP with a view to improve the nutritional standards of the rural poor. During 1987-88, 40816 MTs each of foodgrains has been released to the State under RLEGP and NREP.

(e) State's allocation for the year 1988-89 will be finalised only after the finalisation of the Central Plan. During 1987-88, however, following resources have been utilised upto September, 1987 under the ongoing programmes of rural development:—

	(Rs. in lakhs)
IRDP	860 64
NREP	2460 31
RLEGP	977 04
	(upto Oct.' 87)
DPAP	232 50
DDP	45 30