

और इस पर कुल कितनी लागत आने की संभावना है; और

(ग) किन-किन राज्यों को उक्त नहर से लाभ होने की संभावना है?

जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द):

(क) सतलुज यमुना लिंक नहर पर निर्माण कार्य 315.40 करोड़ रुपये की लागत से मार्च, 1988 तक पूरा हो जान की संभावना है।

(ख) इस नहर से हरियाणा और पंजाब राज्य लाभान्वित होंगे।

Achievement of the oil & Dte. and National Oil Seeds and Vegetable Oil Development Board

489. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the Oil Seeds Dte. and National Oil Seed and Vegetable Oil Development Board have succeeded in extending help to the "States in the Oil Seeds Development;

(b) the extent to which these organisations have been able to help the Small farmers/marginal farmers; and

(c) whether these organisations have failed to achieve these objectives; if so, the reasons therefor and what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) (a) The National Oilseeds and Vegetable Oils Development Board has taken up pilot projects namely, (i) diversification of rain-fed wheat to rapeseed mustard in 7 States and (ii) programme for popularisation of rabi/summer groundnut cultivation in non-traditional areas in 6 States. These projects provide for large sized demonstrations, organising of field days and close monitoring of progress.

The Directorate of Oilseeds Development has been helping in supervising and monitoring oilseeds development programmes in various States. It also keeps liaison with States in implementation of development programmes and provides feed-back on production and related aspects.

(b) The programmes with which these organisations are concerned provide for adequate assistance to small and marginal farmers.

(c) Does not arise.

1987 as International Year of Shelter for Homeless

490. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether 1987 is being observed as the International year of "Shelter for the Homeless";

(b) what is the estimated shortage of housing units in India; and

(c) what plans have been drawn up to meet the shortage during the Seventh plan period and particularly during 1987 which is being observed as year of shelter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH); (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) About 25 million dwelling units.

(c) Several steps have been taken to meet the housing shortage, some of which are as follows:—

(i) The Public Sector outlay for housing has been raised from Rs. 1490.87 crores in the 6th Plan to Rs. 2458.21 crores in the 7th Plan.

(ii) The norms for income eligibility, ceiling cost and construction of ceiling Government loan assistance for various Social Housing Schemes have been enhanced.

(iii) Under the Rural House Sites-cum-Construction Assistance Scheme for

Rural Landless Workers a provision of Rs. 577 crores has been made. Of this Rs. 36 crores would be utilised to provide developed house sites of 90 sq. mts. each to 7.2 lakh landless families at the rate of Rs. 500 per family and an expenditure of Rs. 541 crores would be incurred to provide construction assistance to 271 lakh families at the rate of Rs. 2000 per family.

(iv) Sites-and-Services for Economically Weaker Sections in Urban areas are provided at cost price. The area of developed and is restricted to 25—30 sq. mts. per house and loan of Rs. 5000 at concessional rates of interest is to be given to each beneficiary family.

(v) The equity of Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) has been raised from Rs. 75 crores to Rs. 135 crores. 187 housing projects for the construction of 203072 dwelling units sanctioned by HUDCO with a project cost of Rs. 158.78 crores and a loan assistance of over Rs. 100 crores have been identified as IYSH projects.

(vi) The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have been requested to declare at least one of their projects as State Demonstration Projects and identify target groups, select programmes for International Year of Shelter for Homeless and earmark the financial source for the implementation of International Year of Shelter for Homeless projects.

Reserves of lime stone in India

491. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY; Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the lime stone reserves in India is limited;

(b) what are the state-wise reserves of lime stone estimated by Geological Survey of India; and

(c) what is the expected span of lime stone at the present level of mining?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) The total estimated reserves of lime stone of all grades as on 1983 are approximately 85,780 million tonnes, The State-wise reserves of limestone estimated by the Geological Survey of India and other agencies are as follows:—

(in million tonnes)

Name of States	Quantity
Andhra Pradesh	25970
Arunachal Pradesh	140
Assam	539
Bihar	693
Goa, Daman, Diu	128
Gujarat	10792
Haryana	51
Himachal Pradesh	1347
Jammu & Kashmir	292
Karnataka	17892
Kerala	42
Madhya Pradesh	8863
Maharashtra	3640
Manipur/Meghalaya	6189
Nagaland	376
Orissa	10
Rajasthan	10
Tamilnadu	529
Uttar Pradesh	1366
West Bengal	24

(c) The expected span of lime stone at present level of consumption will be for several hundred years.