

लिए आवश्यक फील्ड संगठन और शक्तियाँ होती हैं। केन्द्रीय सरकार समय-समय पर स्थिति पर निगरानी रखती हैं। हाल ही में राज्य सरकार को उच्चतम स्तर पर लिखा गया है। केन्द्रीय सरकार अपनी ओर से ऐसे पग उठा रही है जिनका उद्देश्य उद्योग की तरलता में सुधार करना है जिससे वह गन्ने के मूल्य का भुगतान कर सकें। इन पगों में बैंक ऋण सुविधाओं को उदार बनाना, बफर स्टॉक बनाए रखना, मुक्त विक्री की चीनी को सूझ-बूझ के साथ निर्मुक्तियाँ करना आदि शामिल हैं। 1982-83 में देर तक पिराई करने के लिए उत्पादन शुल्क में रिबेट भी दी गई थी।

राज्य सरकार भी गन्ने के मूल्य का शीघ्र भुगतान सुनिश्चित करने के लिए तीव्र पग उठा रही है। पिछले वर्ष, उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने क्रय कर भाफ कर दिया था। इसके अलावा, राज्य में गन्ने के मूल्य की बकाया राशि अधिक होने के संदर्भ में राज्य सरकार ने 40 करोड़ रुपये की अर्धोपाय अग्रिम राशि भी प्राप्त की थी।

#### Aid from Centre to Gujarat to check floods by Sea water

\*416. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA; Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that sea water has flooded the coastal areas of Saurashtra in Gujarat, because of the ground water imbalance; and

if so, what measures have been worked out to check this menace and what Central help financial or technological is being given to Gujarat for this purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI HARI NATH MISHRA): (a) The quality of ground water in some coastal

areas of Saurashtra, Gujarat has deteriorated and become saline in certain areas during the recent past. The possible causes for this are upcoming of saline water lying below fresh water due to over-exploitation of over-lying fresh water, contamination of fresh water by vertical percolation of tidal and creek waters and land-ward movement of sea water.

(b) Central Ground Water Board is at present implementing a pilot project in collaboration with UNDP for study of the salinity problem in the project area and devising remedial measures including artificial recharge of ground water to improve the quality and augment the resource potential.

Government of Gujarat has also taken up a comprehensive scheme namely, the Saurashtra Coastal Development Scheme, for water conservation, direct irrigation and artificial recharge along the southern coast of Saurashtra under the Gujarat Irrigation-n Project which is also being financed through the World Bank assistance.

#### New Railway lines in Maharashtra

♦417. SHRIMATI RODA MISTRY:

SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of railway lines which are proposed to be opened or are under construction in Maharashtra;

(a) what are the proposals made by the Maharashtra Government for the expansion of railway lines in that State during the last three years; and

(b) whether any survey has been conducted and what is the number of projects which have been completed and number of them which are pending completion and by when they are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) to (b) Following