

Export of rice

572. SHRI N. K. P. SALVE;
SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA
NAIDU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under its consideration to export about 10 lakh tonnes of rice during the current year;

(k) if so; what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what are the general terms and conditions of the export and how much foreign exchange or other earnings are expected thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN); (a) to (c) Besides export of basmati rice, which is already on Open General Licence (OGL-3), Government is considering export of about 10 lakh tonnes of rice during 1980-81. The detailed plans of export are yet to be finalised.

Drinking water facilities in the pro-Mem villages of Andhra Pradesh

513. SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA
NAIDU; SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Government has prepared a master plan for providing drinking water facilities to the problem villages in that State;

(b) what is the number of such villages in the State and how many are likely to be covered;

(i*) if so, what are the main features of the scheme;

(d) what is the amount of expenditure likely to be incurred in implementing the scheme; and

(e) how much amount the Central Government propose to provide in this regard?.

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Yes, Sir. According to information furnished by the State Government, the Master Plan envisages provision of drinking water facilities not only to problem villages identified in 1972 but also to other non-listed villages.

(b) According to the State Government, the number of problem villages/ settlements that were identified in the 1972 survey in the State was 5480 of which 895 were covered upto 31st March, 1980 and the remaining problem villages are proposed to be covered by 1983.

(c) and (d) The Master Plan of the State Government was prepared in 1979 and is estimated to cost Rs. 450 crores. The State Government proposed to implement it in two phases during 1978-83. According to the State Government, the cost proposal for covering the problem villages (of 1972 list) in the Master Plan was Rs. 87.4 crores.

(e) State-wise allocation of grants-in-aid under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme is worked out on a year-to-year basis. Since the inception of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme in 1977-78, Rs. 152.30 lakhs, Rs. 351.11 lakhs and Rs. 215.60 lakhs have been provided during 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80 respectively.

Development of agro-industrial sector

574. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA;
SHRIMATI AZIZA IMAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state what steps Government propose to take to ensure that the vast agricultural raw-material available in the country are interlinked with the industrial potential in creating an agro-industrial sector in our economy which would accelerate the incomes of the economically backward classes and the rural population?