

Development Block

748. SHRI HAREKRUSHNA
MALLICK :

SHRI RAM LAKHAN
PRASAD GUPTA :

SHRI BHAIKAB CHANDRA
MAHANTI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of
development blocks in the country state-
wise;

(b) in how many blocks where some
special programme as mentioned in the
DAVP publication "Budget a
perspective" has been undertaken; and

(c) what are the details of these
programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND
IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP
SINGH): (a) Statewise total number of
development blocks in the country is
given in the statement.

(b) and (c). The Integrated Rural
Development Programme mentioned in
the DAVP publication "Budget a
perspective" was undertaken during 1978-
79 in 2300 blocks. Of these blocks, 2000
blocks were selected from areas covered
by one or more of the three special
programmes of SFDA, DPAP or CAD
and 300 blocks from areas not covered by
these special

programmes. The I.R.D. programme will
be extended to 300 new blocks not
covered by the special programmes,
every year, and by 1982-83 the total
number of blocks to be covered under the
programme will be 3500. The main
objective of the I.R.D. Programme is to
generate additional employment and raise
the income level of identified target
groups consisting of small and marginal
farmers, agricultural and non-agricultural
labourers, rural artisans and persons
belonging to Scheduled Castes and
Scheduled Tribes, by intensifying
development effort in agriculture and its
allied activities, rural industries and rural
artisans programmes. In identifying the tar-ge(group beneficiaries, the State
Governments have been requested to
follow Antyodaya approach and select
the poorest among the beneficiaries first
and formulate economically viable
development programmes for their
benefit. The additional allocations made
for implementing the programme will be
over and above the present level of
funding for the on-going s(pcial
programmes. The on-going special
programmes are SFDA, DPAP and CAD.
The SFDA programme is designed to
improve the income levels of Small
Farmers, Marginal farmers, Agricultural
labourers, through improved crop-hus-
bandry and other subsidiary occupations.
The DPAP aims at drought PTOing an
area by promoting optimum utilisation of
land and water, and by making planned
efforts at restoration of ecological
balance through a programme of
afforestation, soil conservation and
scientific water-shed management. In
Command Area Development works, ex-
peditious and optimum utilisation of
irrigation potential is ensured through
systematic on-farm development and an
improved water conveyance system.

The funds provided under the I.R.D.
Programme are primarily meant for
taking up beneficiary oriented
programmes.

Statement	
No. of Development Blocks in different States	
(As on 30-4-1979)	
State/Union Territory	No. of Blocks
1. Andhra Pradesh	324
2. Assam	134
3. Bihar	587
4. Gujarat	218
5. Haryana	87
6. Himachal Pradesh	69
7. Jammu & Kashmir	75
8. Karnataka	175
9. Kerala	144
10. Madhya Pradesh	458
11. Maharashtra	296
12. Manipur	26
13. Meghalaya	24
14. Nagaland	21
15. Orissa	314
16. Punjab	117
17. Rajasthan	232
18. Sikkim
19. Tamil Nadu	377
20. Tripura	17
21. Uttar Pradesh	876
22. West Bengal	335
<i>Union Territories :</i>	
23. A. & N. Islands	5
24. Arunachal Pradesh	48
25. Chandigarh	1
26. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1
27. Delhi	5
28. Goa, Daman & Diu	12
29. Lakshadweep	5
30. Mizoram	20
31. Pondicherry	4
ALL- INDIA	5007

Re-organisation of Under-Graduate Course by Delhi University

749. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

SHRI S. W. DHABE:

SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE-be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi University-is reorganising suitably its undergraduate courses (both honours and degree courses) which will commence in July, 1979 for the first batch of students of the Higher Secondary Schools in Delhi under the ten plus two system who will pass out of their schools this year; and

(b) whether the honour3 and degree courses Jwill be retained as three year courses or their duration will be curtailed to two years , in view of the fact that under the plus two system in the schools, the students have to put in one more year of schooling and consequently study some additional portions in the subjects of their study?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR, PRATAP CHANDRA CHUN-DER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Academic Council of the University has resolved that the present practice of having two streams of under-graduate courses in the University, viz., honours courses and general courses of B.A., B.Sc, B. Com. etc. be continued and that each of these courses be of three years duration.