

Development Block

748. SHRI HAREKRUSHNA
MALICK:

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 target 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 special 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 husbandry and other subsidiary occupations. The DPAP aims at drought proofing 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, expeditious 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. Karanataka	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 under-graduate 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 honours and degree courses will 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 CHUNDER): (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.