

(a) whether Government have set up a Joint Board in regard to the inter state rivers in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh and also to execute future projects :

(b) if so, what are the names of the river projects which are likely to be taken up in the first instance; and

(c) whether any representative of the Central Government is also proposed to be included in the Board ?].

कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्रालय में उपमन्त्री (श्री केदार नाथ सिंह) (क) और (ख) मध्य प्रदेश और उत्तर प्रदेश की सरकारों की ओर से बेतवा नदी पर राजघाट बांध का निर्माण करने के लिए और उससे जारी किए जाने वाले जल का प्रबंध करने के वास्ते बेतवा नदी बोर्ड अधिनियम, 1976 के अन्तर्गत केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा बेतवा नदी बोर्ड प्रथम सितम्बर, 1976 से स्थापित किया जा रहा है।

(ग) सिंचाई के कार्यभारी केन्द्रीय मंत्री बोर्ड के अध्यक्ष होंगे।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI K. N. SINGH) : (a) and (b) Betwa River Board is being set up with effect from 1st September, 1976, by the Central Government, under the Betwa River Board Act, 1976 for the construction of the Rajghat Dam on the Betwa River and management of the waters to be released therefrom, on behalf of the Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

(c) The Union Minister incharge of Irrigation shall be the Chairman of the Board.]

#### Selection of athletes for Olympic games

709. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT :  
SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA :  
SHRI SAT PAUL MITTAL :  
SHRI MAHENDRA BAHADUR SINGH :

Will the the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be

†[ ] English translation.

pleased to state, the details of criteria adopted for the selection of athletes and other participants for the Olympic games and whether these criteria were strictly observed in the selection of participants for 1976 Olympic games ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : Sports teams for participation in Olympic Games are sponsored by the Indian Olympic Association, an autonomous organisation. According to the information received from it, the Indian Olympic Association had decided to sponsor for the Montreal Olympic Games, as a rule, only those teams/sportsmen who according to their performance would have obtained the sixth position at the Munich Olympic Games, 1972. Having regard however, to the fact that some of the sportsmen were young, with the potential to improve further and their performance was reasonably near to the sixth position standard mentioned above, the Association, in consultation with the All India Council of Sports, included them in the Olympic Contingent.

#### Losses in foodgrain cultivation due to soil erosion

710. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT :  
SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA :  
SHRI SAT PAUL MITTAL :  
SHRI MAHENDRA BAHADUR SINGH :

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

(a) what is the number of States which have suffered huge losses in cultivation of foodgrains due to soil erosion ; and

(b) what steps Government have taken in this regard and with what results ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) : (a) The problem of soil erosion on account of wind and water exists in

one form or other in every state of the country. The extent and state-wise distribution of such areas can be estimated only after the whole country is covered by Soil Survey, which work is already in progress.

(b) The problem of soil degradation is being tackled in the country through the programme of soil and water conservation. It means prevention of all forms of soil degradation by using the soil according to its capability and treating it according to its needs with measures like contour bunding, terracing, gully control, water harvesting saline-alkaline land reclamation, afforestation and pasture development. The programme of soil and water conservation was initiated right from the beginning of First Five Year Plan period. By the end of Fourth Plan, an area of 18.85 million Ha. of agricultural and non-agricultural land are reported to have been treated with a total expenditure of Rs. 348.63 crores.

During the Fifth Plan period, an area of about 5 million hectares is likely to be covered with a total outlay of Rs. 262.93 crores.

#### **Construction of milk vending booths in the walled city of Delhi**

711. SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question No. 552 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th March, 1976 and state :

(a) the progress made by the National Dairy Development Board in the construction of milk vending booths in the walled City of Delhi ; and

(b) by when the distribution of milk is likely to commence from these booths ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL) : (a) At present one Booth is commissioned and 5 booths are under

various stages of construction in the walled city as per details given in the Statement. (See below) In addition, 2 sites—one in Ajmeri Gate and the other in Dujana House—have been allotted which are being released for construction.

(b) Distribution of milk from one Booth in Jama Masjid has already commenced since 15-4-1976. It is expected to commence another booth presently under construction by the end of November, 1976.

#### **Statement**

#### *Progress of construction of milk vending Booths in Walled City of Delhi* **Booth Commissioned**

Booth No.	Location
402	Behind Ram Kumar and co (Cycle Shop) at the junction of Parade Ground Road and Esplanade Road, Jama Masjid.

#### *Booth under construction*

Site No.	Location
147	Triangular Plot of land at the junction of Asaf Ali Road and Anghuri Ghata Road (Himmatgarh).
292	Along front wall of Hs. No. 6 Ansari Road adjacent to DMS Booth No. 104.
316	On the corner inside the park adjoining Shradhanand Market, G.B. Road.
356	Near MCD Primary School Opp. House No. 2907-2910 Kucha Chellan, Darya Ganj.
357	South West corner of Hindi Park by the side of police Station, Daryaganj.

#### *Additional sites available*

Site No.	Location
353	Open space near the newly constructed Shopping Centre at Ajmeri Gate and near 112 Slum tenements of D.D.A.
394	Dujana House, Jama Masjid