

of 2,000 tonnes is being made to West Bengal.

(b)

Period	Quantity allotted to West Bengal Government (tonnes)	Quantity lifted by nominees Government of West Bengal Government (tonnes)
January-April, 1973	10,000	10,000*
" " 1972	17,000	13,145
" " 1971	28,324	9,736
" " 1970	nil	..

Estimated

(c) and (d) In the light of the position stated in reply to part (a), it is not possible to increase the rate of allotment for the present.

FAMINE RELIEF ASSISTANCE FOR JODHPUR FROM WORLD BANK

107. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that certain famine relief schemes for Jodhpur (Rajasthan) had been referred to the World Bank seeking aid for implementing them;

(b) if so, the main features of these schemes, and

(c) the World Bank's response thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) A project with an outlay of Rs. 24.04 crores has been formulated for Jodhpur district under the drought Prone Areas Programme for seeking World Bank aid.

(b) The project comprises schemes for sheep, cattle and dairy development, ground water exploitation, rural electrification and provision of drinking water supply, moisture conservation, afforestation and market yards.

(c) A World Bank Reconnaissance Mission visited country in February, 1973 and

made a preliminary study of the Drought Prone Areas Programme and the projects formulated for seeking aid from the World Bank.

DROUGHT PRONE AREAS PROGRAMME FOR RAJASTHAN

108. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a 'Drought Prone Areas Programme' had been launched in Rajasthan; and if so, when; and the progress made in its implementation so far; and the results achieved thereby; and

(b) the total cost of the programme; how much of it has already been spent thereon; and the contribution made by the Central Government in this respect so far; and the further extent of Central aid demanded and granted by Central Government in regard thereto.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) Drought Prone Areas Programme in Rajasthan covering 10 districts was started in 1970-71. Since its inception, an expenditure of Rs. 11.95 crores has been incurred till the end of 1972-73. Till the end of December, 1972, 1276, hectares have been benefited through minor irrigation schemes; 3908 hectares have been covered under soil conservation and 17766 hectares under afforestation measures. Roads with a length of 477 kms. have been newly constructed and roads with a length of 731 kms. have been upgraded.

(b) Over the four year programme period from 1970-71 to 1973-74 the State Government will get an allocation of Rs. 20 crores. As against the expenditure of Rs. 11.95 crores till the end of January, 1973, Central Financial assistance of Rs. 9.31 crores was released till the end of 1972-73. Further release of Central assistance will be made to the State Government on the basis of the actual expenditure and the provisions available in the Central Budget for the current year, within the overall ceiling of Rs. 20 crores.