

duced in nine Regional Engineering Colleges in close cooperation with industry to train specialist engineers and teachers.

SPURT IN PRICES OF FOODGRAINS IN  
RAJASTHAN

\*480. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a recent statement of the Rajasthan Chief Minister that the spurt in prices in Rajasthan is due to inadequate allotment of foodgrains to Rajasthan by the Central Government and delay in sending supplies to distribution centres;

(b) if so, the quantity of foodgrains allotted to Rajasthan in December, 1972 and the quantity actually supplied;

(c) whether supplies were made according to the requirements of the State Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE) : (a) The information has been called for from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) to (d) Keeping in view the overall availability of foodgrains in the Central Pool and relative needs of other drought affected and deficit States the reasonable requirements of Rajasthan Government are being met from the Central Pool. A statement showing the quantities of foodgrains allotted and actually supplied to Rajasthan is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

Quantities of foodgrains allotted to Rajasthan for December, 1972, January, February and March, 1973 and quantities actually supplied.

(Figures in '000' tonnes)

	Quantity allotted	Quantity supplied
December, 1972 .	36.0	21.3
January, 1973 .	42.0	31.7
February, 1973 .	47.0	45.5
March, 1973 .	65.0	
		Supplies are in progress

PROMOTION OF BENGALI LANGUAGE IN  
FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES

\*481. SHRI SASANKASEKHAR SAN-YAL : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the foreign Universities where Bengali Language and its literature are taught; and

(b) what steps have been taken by the Government of India to encourage and promote such teaching in countries where it has not yet been started?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D.P. YADAV) : (a) Information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) Indian Council of Cultural Relations, on request from foreign Universities provide facilities for teaching of Indian languages in those Universities to the extent fund permits.

पांचवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान पेयजल की सुविधाएं

\* 482. श्री पंडरीनाथ सीतारामजी पाटिल : क्या निर्माण और आवास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय महाराष्ट्र में कितने ऐसे गांव हैं जहां पेयजल की सुविधाएं उपलब्ध नहीं हैं; और

(ख) पञ्चवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान केन्द्रीय सरकार ने प्रत्येक राज्य सरकार को राज्यवार कितने गांव में पेयजल की सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराने का सुझाव दिया है ?

†[DRINKING WATER FACILITIES DURING THE FIFTH FIVE YEAR PLAN

\*482. SHRI P.S. PATIL : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of villages in Maharashtra where drinking water facilities are not available at present; and

(b) the number of villages Statewise, about which Central Government have suggested to each State Government to provide such facilities during the Fifth Five Year Plan?]

निर्माण और आवास मंत्री (श्री भोला पासवान शास्त्री) : (क) महाराष्ट्र सरकार ने यह सूचना दी है कि लगभग 19,000 ग्रामों में फिलहाल पेयजल की कठिनाई अनुभव की जा रही है। इस मध्या में वे ग्राम शामिल हैं जिनमें पानी की कमी राज्य में निरन्तर सूखे के परिणाम स्वरूप हुई है।

(ख) ग्रामीण जल पूर्ति योजनाएं राज्य क्षेत्र में हैं और पांचवी पंचवर्षीय योजना के लिए राज्य सरकारों के कार्यक्रम के व्योरे को अभी अन्तिम रूप नहीं दिया गया है। अतः ऐसी अवस्था में केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा राज्य सरकारों को यह सुझाव देने का प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता कि कितने ग्रामों में पेयजल की सुविधा उपलब्ध की जाये।

तथापि, यह अनुमान है कि पांचवी योजना के आरंभ में लगभग 1,10,000 ग्राम ऐसे होंगे जिन में पेयजल की सुविधा उपलब्ध की जानी है। यदि निधियां उपलब्ध हुईं, तो इन सभी ग्रामों में पांचवी योजना के दौरान पेयजल उपलब्ध किये जाने की आशा है।

†[THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHOLA PASWAN

SHASTRI) : (a) The Government of Maharashtra have reported that about 19,000 villages are experiencing difficulty of drinking water at present. This figure includes the villages where the water scarcity has resulted due to continuous drought in the State.

(b) Rural Water Supply Schemes are in the State Sector and the details of the programme of the State Governments for the Five Year Plan are not yet finalised. Hence the Central Government suggesting at this stage to State Governments the number of villages to be provided with drinking water facility does not arise.

However, it is estimated that about 1,10,000 villages would remain to be provided with drinking water facility at the beginning of the Fifth Plan. It is hoped to provide all these villages with drinking water during the Fifth Plan subject to availability of funds.]

CHINESE PATTERN OF MEDICAL EDUCATION

\*483. SHRI GANESHI LAL CHOUHDARY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister while addressing a special convocation of the Panjab University hinted about the change of pattern of medical education and suggested the introduction of Chinese pattern of medical education in the country;

(b) if so, what is the Chinese pattern of medical education, and in what way it is going to be suitable for our country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI R.K. KHA-DILKAR) : (a) and (b) While addressing the special convocation of the Panjab University on the 3rd January, 1973, at Chandigarh, the Prime Minister spoke briefly of medical education in India. She stressed

† [ ] English translation.