

DROUGHT AFFECTED AREAS IN SAURASHTRA

568. SHRI I. K. KALANIA : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in rural area and towns and cities in urban area of Saurashtra affected by drought conditions ;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is no possibility of getting subsoil, surface, and ground water for drinking purposes in the area of Saurashtra ;

(c) whether Government are aware owing to rocky and hilly area there is no possibility of tubewells ; and

(d) if the reply to parts (b) and (c) be in affirmative, the measures Government have taken to get palatable water for the State of Saurashtra ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS AND PULSES

569. SHRI KRISHAN KANTI :
SHRI CHANDRA SHLKHAR :
SHRI J. S. TILAK :
SHRI CURNMUKH SINGH
MUSAIIR
SHRI BRAHMANANDA PANDA :
SHRI V. B. RAJU :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what were the 4th Five Year Plan targets for production of oilseeds and pulses, and

(b) whether these will be achieved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHLE SHINDE) : (a) The Fourth Five Year Plan target for five major oilseeds (viz. Groundnut, Sesamum, Castor, Rapeseed-Mustard and Linseed) is 10.50 million tonnes and for Pulses 15.00 million tonnes.

(b) For the year 1970-71 for which figures are available, the production of the five major

oilseeds was 9.19 million tonnes as against of 9 million tonnes for that year. It is too early to say whether the target for the last year of the Fourth Five Year Plan will be achieved. However broad indications are that there will be some shortfall.

In the case of pulses, the production was 11.58 million tonnes in 1970-71 for which figures are available. In this case also the indications are that target of 15 million tonnes fixed for the last year of the Fourth Plan may not be achieved.

MILK REVOLUTION

570. SHRI O. P. TYAGI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to start a plan of white revolution i.e. the 'Milk Revolution' besides the 'Green Revolution' in the country,

(b) if so, the details of the plan formulated by Government in this regard ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHRI SINGH) : (a) to (c) The Fourth Five Year Plan provides for a large Public Sector outlay of about Rs 233 crores for animal husbandry, dairying and milk supply. As a result of implementation of various milk production enhancement programmes, including Operation Flood programme, the annual production of milk was targetted to increase from an estimated 21.2 million tonnes in 1968-69 to 25.86 million tonnes by 1973-74. A recent appraisal, however, suggests that the increase in milk production at the end of 1973-74 may now reach 24 million tons.

During the Fifth-Year Plan period, the various production-oriented programmes are proposed to be further intensified with particular reference to extensive use of cross-breeding programme with exotic inheritance for increasing milk production. The Working Group on Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Milk Supply has tentatively recommended a target of 30 million tonnes of milk annually by the end of Fifth Five Year Plan. This increase in milk production will be achieved through generation of high-yielding cross-bred progeny, setting up of 40 additional Intensive Cattle