

RAJYA SABHA

Wednesday, the 12th April, 1972 (Chaitra
23, 1894 Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock, MR.
CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

MEMBERS SWORN

Assam

1. SHRI NABIN BURAGOHAIN

Bihar

2. SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA

Manipur

3. SHRI SALAM TOMBI SINGH

Mysore

4. SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

SCHEME FOR DRILLING OF WELLS IN CERTAIN DISTRICTS OF RAJASTHAN

* 528. SHRI M. K. MOHTA : Will the
Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to
state :

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan
have submitted for consideration of the
Government of India a scheme regarding drilling
of wells in certain districts of the State which
are prone to drought conditions;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government of India have
since given clearance to the scheme; and if not,
the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF.
SHER SINGH) : (a) Yes, sir,

(b) and (c) A statement is laid on the Table
of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

The Government of Rajasthan made a
proposal for drilling 420 tubewells in Jalore,
Jodhpur, Nagpur, Pali and Bikaner districts
under the Drought Prone Areas Programme.
The State Govt's proposal envisaged the sale of
tubewells, after construction, to private culti-
vators (beneficiaries), at concessional rates,

worked out on a formula based on the depth
and rate of water discharge of individual tube-
wells. Against the total cost of Rs. 212.98 lakhs
on 420 tubewells, Rs. 118.98 lakhs was
proposed to be recovered from beneficiary culti-
vator and the balance of Rs. 94.00 lakhs was to
be debited to the Drought Prone Areas
Programme. This amount comprised of the
following elements:—

	(Rs in lakhs)
(a) cost of un-successful wells	16.80
(b) cost of exploratory drilling	11.20
(c) extra cost of electrification and	25.00
(d) price inducement to the farmers to purchase tube- wells.	41.00
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The State Government's proposal has been
accepted in principle with certain modifications.
The cost of unsuccessful tubewells and explo-
ratory drilling would be provided out of State
Ground Water Development Fund. The cost on
account of price inducement offered to
beneficiary cultivators would be borne by the
Centre. The extra cost of electrification would
be taken into account for calculating the sale
price. The Centre would also provide subsidies
to small and marginal farmers respectively at a
rate of 25% and 33.1/3% on the sale price of
tubewells. The detailed proposals for individual
clusters of tubewells, will be approved by the
Ministry of Agriculture after they are
technically cleared by the Central Groundwater
Board.

SHRI M. K. MOHTA : May I ask the
honourable Minister as to when the State
Government's proposal in this respect was
accepted by the Central Government and when
the scheme is likely to be put into effect for
drilling the 400 odd tube-wells in Rajasthan ?

PROF. SHER SINGH : The scheme was
approved on 25th, November, 1971. So far the
Central Ground Water Board has given
clearance for 58 tube-wells in three panchayat
samiti areas of Shergarh, Gosain and Belara of
Jodhpur district, in all 58 tube-wells out of 420.

SHRI M. K. MOHTA : May I ask the
honourable Minister why only 58 tube-wells
have been approved up till now ? What is

the difficulty in approving all the tube-wells that have been planned and how much area will be benefited by the drilling of these tubewells? The Rajasthan Ground Water Board submitted these proposals to the Central Ground Water Board. They submitted proposals for 58 tubewells and the Central Ground Water Board give clearance to them and clearance will be given to the other two tubewells also as and when proposals for those will be received from the Rajasthan Ground Water Board. They are going to submit them.

SHRI M. K. MOHTA : I asked about the area that will be benefited.

PROF. SHER SINGH : I do not have the figures of the actual area. That will have to be worked out. But that will depend upon the discharge of water per tubewell—1/3 cusec or 1 cusec, whatever it may be.

SHRI HAMID ALI SCHAMNAD : Has the government got any proposal to extend this scheme to other States which have been affected by drought?

PROF. SHER SINGH : There are no such proposals from other States...

MR. CHAIRMAN : Other States should not be brought in.

SHRI SANDA NARAYANAPPA : Other parts in the country are also subjected to famine and drought conditions, May I know whether there is any proposal to start a tubewell corporation in order to wipe off the drought in all the States in the country?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Supplementaries should be confined only to Rajasthan.

PROF. SHER SINGH : There is no proposal at present to start any such corporation.

SHRI S. D. MISRA : Regarding survey of the ground water potential, in Rajasthan there is an organisation. Apart from that there are three organisations here. There is one Central Ground Water Board; then there is one exploratory tubewell organisation; then, according to my understanding, there is the Central Geological Survey Organisation. Which of these organisations has made the surveys about drought-affected districts in Rajasthan and what has been the result of those surveys? If the results of surveys conducted by different organisations are different, what is the co-ordinated result of all the surveys?

PROF. SHER SINGH : The information of the hon. Member is a little out-dated. The Exploratory Tubewell Organisation is no longer there. That has been converted into Central Ground Water Board. Geological survey of India and Central Ground Water Board will become one.

SHRI S. D. MISRA : He said that the Exploratory Tubewell Organisation does not exist. But Geological Survey and Ground Water Board do exist at the moment. What are their findings?

PROF. SHER SINGH : A decision to merge those two also has been taken. The actual merger will take some time. But they will be merged.

SHRI B. K. KAUL : I would like to know from the government whether this scheme should not be implemented without any waste of time when the area is facing acute famine conditions?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Very good question.

PROF. SHER SINGH : I could not follow the question. Will he repeat his question?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Do not press it.

DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN : Such an important question should not remain unanswered.

अलीगढ़ मुस्लिम विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा ब्लेक आऊट के आदेशों का पालन न किया जाना

* 529. डा० भाई महावीर : क्या शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत पाक युद्ध के आरम्भ होने के एक सप्ताह बाद तक अलीगढ़ मुस्लिम विश्वविद्यालय के अनेक छात्रावासों में ब्लेक आऊट के आदेशों का पालन नहीं किया गया और इन आदेशों का पालन उपकुलपति द्वारा यह धमकी दिये जाने के पश्चात् ही किया गया कि सभी छात्रावासों की बिजली काट दी जायेगी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो विश्वविद्यालय के अधिकारियों द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है; और

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि विश्वविद्यालय के छात्रावास के कमरों में श्री जिन्नाह, जनरल