

**Agricultural Land in Orissa**

3275. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a vast area of agricultural land is yet to be developed in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details of the financial assistance provided by Government for the development of agricultural land during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and
- (c) the total area of land for which assistance has been sanctioned for development by Government during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. There is about 15.0 lakh ha. agricultural land which needs development through contour bunding, and other soil conservation measures in the State of Orissa. For development of such land the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is implementing two programmes, namely (i) Soil Conservation in the catchment of River Valley Projects (RVP) and Rood Prone Rivers (FPR), and (ii) National Watershed Development Project in Rainfed Areas (NWDPA). The details of funds released to the State and area covered under these programmes during 1998-99, 1999-2000 & 2000-2001 is given below:

Financial	(Rs. in lakhs)		
	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001 Proposed
RVP/FPR	112.4	300.00	200.00
NWDPA	550.0	200.00	600.00
Physical	Area in thousand ha.		
RVP/FPR	2.40	6.0	3.0
NWDPA	127	45	13.4

**Cold Storages in Bihar**

† 3276. SHRIMATI KUMKUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cold storages in Bihar alongwith locations thereof;

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(b) whether there is any proposal for construction of cold storages in Bihar during current year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (d) As per information furnished by the State Government of Bihar, the number of working cold storages in the State is 185. The distribution in the State, district-wise is indicated in the Statement (*See below*).

During the financial year 2000-2001, as per the State Government, 17 new cold storages are proposed in the State. To provide Capital Investment Subsidy for Construction/Expansion/ Modernisation of Cold Storages for Horticulture Produce, the Government of India, in December, 1999, has approved a Scheme being implemented by the National Horticulture Board (NHB), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Agriculture. The Scheme envisages provision of capital subsidy of 25% of the project cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakhs in the form of back-ended subsidy and @ 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 60.00 lakhs per project for North Eastern States. As per the guidelines, the Scheme is applicable to only those States/Union Territories which do not control rentals for cold storages under any statutory or administrative order. Since the State of Bihar at present has a rent control act for cold storages with provision for control on rentals, there is no proposal under consideration at present for construction of cold storages in Bihar under the Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme.

S.No.	Name of District	Number
1.	Aurangabad	1
2.	Arariya	3
3.	Begusarai	11
4.	Bhagalpur	2
5.	Bhabhua	1
6.	Buxar	3
7.	Darbhangha	1
8.	East Champaran	9
9.	Gaya	13
10.	Gopalganj	8

S.No.	Name of District	Number
11.	Hazaribagh	4
12.	Jamshedpur	4
13.	Jahanabad	1
14.	Katihar	2
15.	Lakhisarai	1
16.	Muzaffarpur	7
17.	Nalanda	23
18.	Nawadah	3
19.	Patna	24
20.	Purnea	3
21.	Ranchi	6
22.	Rohtas	5
23.	Samastipur	7
24.	Saran	14
25.	Saharsa	1
26.	Siwan	4
27.	Vaishali	17
28.	West Champaran	7
TOTAL		185

#### Effects of Cross Breeding

3277. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had said in Bhopal that country lost Rs. 500 crores and 39 diseases have been found due to cross breeding; and

(b) if so, whether Government intend to stop cross breeding to promote indigenous pure breeds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Cross breeding will continue wherever felt necessary. Simultaneous programmes will be undertaken to improve indigenous pure breeds.