

SINKING OF TUBEWELLS IN RAJASTHAN

1317. DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the number of new tubewells sunk in Rajasthan during the last three years and the amount of expenditure incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE): The number of bores drilled in Rajasthan during the last three years is indicated below :—

Name of the Organisation	Bores drilled during			Total
	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68	
(i) Exploratory Tubewells Organisation	127	42	26	195
(ii) Rajasthan Groundwater Board	45	54	75	174
TOTAL	172	96	101	369

The Exploratory Tubewells Organisation is reported to have incurred the following expenditure:—

	Rs.
1965-66	39,71,495
1966-67	17,37,362
1967-68	2,01,112
TOTAL	59,09,969

The expenditure incurred by the Rajasthan Government on the tubewells drilled by it is not available. According to the existing procedure, the Central assistance is given to the State Governments under broad heads of development e.g., 'Agricultural Production', 'Minor Irrigation', and not schemewise. During 1965-66, an outlay of Rs. 367 lakhs was approved for 'Minor Irrigation' programme of Rajasthan. During 1966-67, an initial outlay of Rs. 335 lakhs was approved for 'Minor Irrigation'. An additional allocation of Rs. 130 lakhs was also subsequently approved. During 1967-68, an outlay of Rs. 287 lakhs was approved for the Minor Irrigation Programme in the State.

DISTRIBUTION OF TRACTORS

1318. DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names and addresses of the firms who have been given agency for the distribution of tractors in Rajasthan,

Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab; and

(b) the number of tractors distributed by these agents to the farmers during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE): (a) and (b) Government do not exercise control over the distribution of tractors manufactured in the country. Presumably, the question relates to the distribution of imported tractors. If so, Government has decided to distribute imported tractors through State Agro-Industries Corporations. In the Punjab and Haryana, these tractors are being distributed to farmers by the Punjab and Haryana State Agro-Industries Corporations. These Corporations have distributed 480 tractors (280 in Punjab and 200 in Haryana) to farmers. In Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh such Corporations are expected to be established shortly.