

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI JAI-SUKHLAL HATHI) : (a) Some cases of contravention of the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965 have been brought to the notice of Government. Necessary action against the defaulting employers is being taken by the Central Government as well as the State Governments, in their respective spheres.

Cases of non-compliance with other labour laws are also dealt with by the appropriate Governments whenever specific cases are brought to their notice.

(b) and (c) Information is not readily available.

ASSISTANCE TO RAJASTHAN FOR INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION

1031. DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the details of the amount of assistance given by the Centre to the Government of Rajasthan for increasing food production in the State during 1967-68?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE) : The Government of Rajasthan has been allocated a Central Assistance of Rs. 444.51 lakhs (Rs. 262.20 lakhs as loans and Rs. 182.31 lakhs as grants) for the following programmes under plan schemes to increase food production in the State during 1967-68 :—

Heads of Development	Ceiling of assistance	
	Loan (Rs. in lakhs)	Grant
1. Agricultural Production . . .	28.80	85.51
2. Minor Irrigation . . .	172.20	51.20
3. Animal Husbandry . . .	17.60	29.20
4. Dairying
5. Fisheries . . .	3.60	2.40
6. Soil Conservations . . .	40.00	14.00
	262.20	182.31

Final amount to be released will depend upon the actual expenditure that the State Government may incur during the year.

The State Government has also been provided short term loans assistance to the extent of Rs. 447.50 lakhs for purchase and distribution of fertilisers, seeds and pesticides in the current financial year.

CONSTRUCTION OF WAREHOUSES IN RAJASTHAN

1032. DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the targets fixed for the construction of warehouses in Rajasthan through Central assistance under the Third Plan have been fully achieved;

(b) if not, the reasons for the same;

(c) the total amount of assistance given to the State Government during the last two years for this purpose; and

(d) whether the amount has been fully utilised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE) :

(a) No funds had been allotted by the Centre directly to Rajasthan for construction of warehouses under the Third Five Year Plan. However, the targets for the construction of warehouses by the Central Warehousing Corporation and the State Warehousing Corporation in the Third Five Year Plan in Rajasthan and the achievements are as follows :—

	No. of Centres	Storage Capacity (Tonnes)
Targets—		
Central Warehousing Corporation .	3	15,400
State Warehousing Corporation .	18	36,000
Achievements—		
Central Warehousing Corporation .	3	15,400
State Warehousing Corporation .	15*	22,860

(b) Shortfall was on account of paucity of funds.

(c) and (d) In view of the answer to part (a) above, these questions do not arise.

EXPLORATORY TUBEWELLS ORGANISATION IN RAJASTHAN

1033. DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to start the Exploratory Tubewells Organisation in Rajasthan State; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE) :

(a) and (b) The Exploratory Tubewells Organisation under the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Department of Agriculture), in its programme of ground water exploration in the various parts of the country has already carried out ground water exploration in eleven districts of Rajasthan, viz., Alwar, Barmer, Bikaner, Churu, Ganganagar, Jaisalmer, Jhunjhunu, Jodhpur, Nagpur, Pali and Sikar. Out of 94 exploratory bores drilled in these districts, 21 proved successful.

Since 1964-65 the Exploratory Tubewells Organisation has been assisting the Rajasthan Government in the construction of 200 tubewells in the scarcity areas of Rajasthan, as a special case, at the request of the State Government in the districts of Barmer, Bikaner, Churu, Jaisalmer, Jalore, Jodhpur and Nagpur. Out of 275 bores drilled so far, 169 have proved successful. It has been decided that the State Government should give priority to taking over, completion and utilisation of the wells already completed by the Exploratory Tubewells Organisation instead of that Organisation taking up further work in the State. However, under the project for Ground water Assessment Studies undertaken by the E.T.O. in Rajasthan with the financial and technical assistance from the United Nations Development Programme

*Including three under construction at the end of the third plan period.