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| 7. Krishna (Almatti)-Pennar link | - FR completed |
| 8. Pennar (Somasila)-Cauvery
(Grand Anicut) link | - FR completed |
| 9. Cauvery (Kattalai)-Vaigai-Gundar link | - FR completed |
| 10. Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal link* | - FR completed |
| 11. Damanganga-Pinjal link* | - FR completed and DPR
Started |
| 12. Par-Tapi-Narmada link* | - FR completed and DPR
Started |
| 13. Ken-Betwa link* | - DPR (Phase-I) Completed |
| 14. Pamba-Achankovil-Vaippar link | - FR completed |
| 15. Netravati-Hemavati Link | - PFR completed |
| 16. Bedti-Varda link | - FR work taken up |

* Priority links

PFR: Pre-Feasibility Report; FR: Feasibility Report; DPR: Detailed Project Report

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Set for the 23rd March 2012*

Production of milk in the country

*141. SHRI ISHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to State:

- (a) whether Government has projected the estimated quantum of milk required in the next few years across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Indian Dairy Association has urged Government to introduce better technology and policy support to increase the milk output; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard and further steps proposed to increase the production of milk in the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) As per assessment made by Planning Commission, the domestic demand for milk by 2021-22 is expected to be 172.20 million tonnes.

*The Sitting of Rajya Sabha on Friday, the 23rd March, 2012 was cancelled. Answers to Questions put down in the list for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Monday, the 26th March, 2012.

(c) Indian Dairy Association in its pre budget memorandum submitted to this Department has stated that to enhance milk production there is an imperative need of policy support from the Government on the following core areas:

- (i) Enhance milk production and milk animal productivity
- (ii) Clean and quality milk production, processing and packaging

(d) In addition to the steps taken by State Governments, the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Government of India is implementing the following schemes to enhance the production of milk in the country including clean and quality milk:

- (i) Intensive Dairy Development Programme
- (ii) Strengthening Infrastructure for Quality and Clean Milk Production
- (iii) Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme
- (iv) National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding
- (v) Livestock Health and Disease Control
- (vi) Fodder and Feed Development scheme

Government has also approved National Dairy Plan Phase-I with an outlay of Rs. 2,242 crore with the objective of increasing the productivity of milch animals and increasing production through a scientifically planned programme.

Besides the above schemes, Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing the following schemes for quality milk production, processing and packaging:

- (i) Scheme for Setting-up/Upgradation of Food Testing Laboratories
- (ii) Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Establishment/Modernisation of Food Processing Industries.
- (iii) Scheme for Infrastructure Development (cold chain, value addition and preservation infrastructure)
- (iv) Scheme for Quality Assurance, Codex Standards, R and D and Promotional Activities.

Reduction in sowing of crops in Andhra Pradesh

*142. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a significant reduction in the sowing of crops in some of the northern districts of Andhra Pradesh has come to the notice of Government during the current Rabi season; and

(b) if so, how Government is planning to come to the rescue of farmers in this region?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Erratic rainfall during South-West Monsoon and failure of North-