

Environmental Awareness

*19. SHRI PREMCHAND RAM :
SHRI CHETAN P.S.
CHAUHAN :

Will the Minister of ENVIROMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to encourage script writers, directors and film producers to make documentaries on environment to create awareness among the local inhabitants ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide financial assistance to the documentary films under shooting on these subjects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). Ministry of Environment and Forests is already providing financial assistance for production of documentaries/films in the field of environment and related areas with the ultimate objective of creating awareness among the public.

(c). Films already completed or under production with acceptable themes, good

script and competent visual treatment can also seek financial assistance from the Ministry.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

[*English*]

Consumption of Fertilisers

20. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that consumption of fertilisers is declining due to increase in their prices ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the decline in the consumption of fertilisers is likely to result in less production foodgrains ;

(d) whether the Government propose to provide fertilisers at subsidised prices to mirginal and small farmers of the country ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b). The consumption of fertiliser nutrients during 1992-93 is estimated at 121.53 lakh tones as against 127.28 lakh tonnes during 1991-92 showing a decline of about 4.52 percent. The Table below gives the sale of major fertilises from 1st April 1993 to 31st January, 1994 as compared with the sales in the corresponding period last year:

<i>Product</i>	<i>Sale during 1st April 1992 to 31st January 1993</i>	<i>Sales during 1st April, 1993 to 31st January, 1994</i>	<i>% variation</i>
Urea	123.98	134.55	(+) 8.53

<i>Product</i>	<i>Sale during 1st April 1992 to 31st January 1993</i>	<i>Sales during 1st April, 1993 to 31st January, 1994</i>	<i>% variation</i>
DAP	34.55	29.64	(-) 14.20
MOP	13.83	10.95	(-)20.79

(c) Fertiliser consumption is one of the several factors contributing to foodgrains production. The foodgrains production during 1992-93 is likely to be 180 million tonnes as against 168 million tonnes during 1991-92. During 1993-94 this level is expected to be maintained. It is therefore, difficult to assess at this stage, the impact of decline in consumption of fertilisers on foodgrains production.

(d) and (e). No, Sir. However, the Government is providing a concession of Rs. 1000 per tonnes on the sale of indigenous DAP and MOP and a proportionate per tonne concession on indigenous complexes and Rs. 340 per tonne on indigenous SSP to all farmers, a sum of Rs. 500 crores was provided to benefit small and marginal farmers for creating basic infrastructural facilities for them. Of this Rs. 362.06 crores was released in 1992-93 and the balance is being made available to the States this year for completion of works already undertaken.

[*Translation*]

Wah and Sagad Irrigation Projects

1. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN:
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have accorded approval to the Wah and Sagad irrigation projects sent by the Government of Madhya Pradesh ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether the Government have received representations from the Members of Parliament during the last two years in this regard ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). While the Sagad Irrigation Project has so far not been received by the Government for environmental or forestry clearance, the Wah Project was rejected from environmental and forestry angles in May and June, 1988 respectively, due to non- furnishing of essential data and plans.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. Communications have been received from two Members of Parliament requesting for early consideration of the Wah project. The State Government has, accordingly, been requested to furnish requisite plans and details which are still awaited.

[*English*]

Availability of Steam Engines

2. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT:
Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state: