

(million tonnes)

	<i>Nitrogen</i>	<i>phosphates</i>
As on 31.3.1990	8.148	2.750
As on 31.3.1995	11.01	4.257

The VIII Plan is however yet to be finalised.

Reconstruction of Gorakhpur-Allahabad National Highway

552. SHRI YADVENDRA DATT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal from the World Bank Team which visited Gorakhpur, Jaunpur and Allahabad at the end of 1987 for reconstruction of the National Highway between Gorakhpur and Allahabad via Jaunpur;

(b) if so, whether the work was approved and global tender was called for the work, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount sanctioned by the World Bank, Union Government and the Government of Uttar Pradesh therefor separately; and

(d) when the work is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) No Sir. (b) to (d): Do not arise.

Integrated Oilseeds Project

553. SHRI SUDAM DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to wind up or close the Integrated Oilseeds Project under the Technology Mission on Oilseeds;

(b) if so, when and with what alternative arrangements; and

(c) whether Government have declared revised policy in regard to oilseeds and if so, the items which formed the ingredients of integrated Oilseeds Project?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) The Oilseeds Mission which is a consortium of various agencies who have responsibilities for oilseeds, research, extension, input supply, price support, processing, distribution etc., is not implementing any Integrated Oilseeds Project. However, the Mission has coordinated their effort and built an Integrated Policy for Oilseed, which was announced in January, 1989. Under this Policy, the interests of all sections have been harmonized: of farmers through strong crop promotion assistance and incentive prices, of industry through reasonable retail prices, of industry through better technology and of the economy through imports substitution and export promotion. The integrated policy will continue to be implemented in the 8th Plan period also to achieve near self-reliance in edible oils by 1994-95.

(b) and (c). Government of India have assisted States with an allocation of Rs.100 crores during 7th Plan, under a Rs.170 crores National Oilseeds Development Project

(NCDP). Rs. 87.5 crores have been provided in the three years (1987-90) under a special Oilseeds Production Thrust project (OPTP). These funds have been used to support farmers with extension, seeds, bio-fertilisers, plant protection measures etc. in order to increase production of oilseeds. In case of NODP, Central Assistance to the States is on 50:50 basis while in case of OPTP the central assistance is 100%.

These two projects are proposed to be merged in one programme i.e. Oilseeds Production Programme from 1990-91. The merged programme will be funded by the Centre and the State Govts. on 75:25 sharing basis, except for the production of foundation seed. Besides, 100% Central assistance will be provided to the ICAR for production of breeder's seed and organising front line demonstration. The following components have been proposed under OPP, besides the two mentioned above:

- (1) Distribution of certified seeds.
- (2) Opening of four retail outlets.
- (3) Speed Village Scheme for production of Groundnut and soybean, seed at farmers level;
- 4) Distribution of seed minikits.
- (5) Plant protection measures including supply of chemicals & equipment.
- (6) Supply of improved implements such as seed-cum-fertiliser drills, groundnut decorticators and diggers,
- (7) Supply of sprinkler sets.
- (8) Distribution of rhyzobium culture
- (9) Supply of gypsum/pyrite.

The Project will cover 280 districts in 18 States in respect of 9 oilseed crops.

Soil Conservation Measures

554. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS: Will the minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa Government had requested to take up the comprehensive soil conservation measures in the catchments along with the construction of Upper Kolab, Indravati and Subarnarekha Multi-State river valley Project; and

(b) if so, the measures taken for soil conservation in those river valley projects?

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A request from the State Government of Orissa has been received for inclusion of the three catchments namely, Upper Kolab, Indravati and Subarnarekha for coverage under the on-going Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Soil Conservation in the catchments of River Valley Projects and the on-going Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Watershed Management in the catchments of Food Prone Rivers during the Seventh Five Year Plan. The above request of the State Government of Orissa was considered in consultation with the Planning Commission. On account of resources constraint, it has not been possible to cover additional catchments during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Development Plans for improvement in Post Harvest Infrastructure

555. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Technology Mission on Oilseeds has proposed development plans