

Industry have referred to the need to support developmental activities in the non-farm sector of the rural areas by promoting the growth centre concept. Government have already selected 65 growth centres in consultation with the State Governments. Project reports in respect of 28 centres have already been approved for implementation. A sum of Rs. 44.00 crores has been released to the approved centres.

Wasteland Development

279. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER Be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have contemplated to lay emphasis or strong nodal agencies at State levels to develop Wasteland;

(b) whether involvement of non-governmental and voluntary organisations are playing any role to make the Wastelands Development Programme a success;

(c) if so, whether the Government have rendered any help to such organisations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WASTELANDS DEVELOPMENT): (COL. RAM SINGH): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir.

(d) The details of central assistance provided to the non governmental and voluntary organisations during the last three years are as under:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount Released (Rs. in lakhs)</i>
1989-90	295.95
1990-91	535.19
1991-92	521.304
Total	1352.444

[*Translation*]

Diversion of Funds Meant for Bhopal Gas Victims

280. SHRI KHELAN RAM JANGDE:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds received by the Government of Madhya Pradesh for provid-

ing relief to Bhopal gas victims have been spent on other works; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). As per the reports received, funds received by the Government of Madhya Pradesh for providing relief and rehabilitation to the

Bhopal gas victims have not been spent on other works

and Desalination of water and water harvesting structures in Gujarat.

National Drinking Water Mission

281 SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have introduced a National Drinking Water Mission Scheme in the State of Gujarat,

(b) if so, the targets fixed and achieved under the said Mission during the last three years

(c) the targets fixed under the Eighth Five Year Plan, and

(d) the funds allotted to the State during the last years to cover the villages left without source?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIUTTAMBHAIH PATEL) (a) Yes Sir Under Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission schemes for drinking water supply have been taken up in Mini Mission Districts of Dangs, Kachchh, Jamnagar and Dharampur Taluk, Defluoridation

(b) Details of targets fixed and achieved during the last three years are as per statement given below

(c) Targets for the Eighth Five Year Plan include

- (i) Coverage of the entire rural population with safe drinking water facilities,
- (ii) coverage of all no source hamlets and habitations,
- (iii) augmenting the level of water supply in partially covered villages,
- (iv) schemes for control of excess fluoride, desalination and water conservation, water quality surveillance

(d) A sum of Rs 51- 17 crores was allotted to the State during the last three years from 1989-90 to 1991-92 for coverage of villages without source as well as augmenting the level of water supply in partially covered villages

STATEMENT

<i>Name of Scheme</i>	<i>No of villages to be covered</i>	<i>No of villages covered during the last 3 years</i>
1 Mini Missions		
Dangs	254	57
Jamnagar	205	156
Kachchh	98	85