

**THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):** (a) to (c). In views of the commitments already made within the availability of gas along the HBJ pipeline, no allocation of gas could be made for any gas based power project in Madhya Pradesh.

[Translation]

**Jute Crop In Uttar Pradesh**

479. **SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Union Government to provide impetus and infrastructure to grow jute crop in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government have any survey to ascertain the possibilities of growing jute crop in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN):** (a) Government of India is operating a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Special Jute Development Programme to increase the production of jute and improve its quality in important jute growing states including Uttar Pradesh. Under the Scheme Central Government provide hundred percent assistance to the

State Government to pass on the required technology by way of incentives to the farmers on production and distribution of quality seeds of high yielding varieties, supply of plant protection chemicals and equipments, demonstrations of improved technology, supply of farm implements, excavation of retting tanks, supply of fungal culture etc.

(b) and (c). The scheme is already being implemented in potential jute growing areas of the state.

**Plantation of Fruit Bearing Trees**

480. **DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fruit bearing trees planted in Uttar Pradesh during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(b) the funds earmarked for this purpose and the amount actually sent thereon; and

(c) the target fixed for the year 1992-93 ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN):** (a) The year-wise fruit bearing trees planted in Uttar Pradesh are given as under:

(in lakhs)

	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
	93.499	77.693	69.29

(b) The funds allocated and sent for the purpose are given as under :-