

(c) the funds allocated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Irrigation Scheme in Drought-Prone Area Programme in Maharashtra

4421. SHRI RAJARAM SHANKAR RAO MANE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are having any programme of introducing any subsidised irrigation schemes;

(b) if not, whether they have in mind a plan of tapping all the irrigation sources in Maharashtra and other States just to benefit the scarcity and drought prone area programme and backward areas; and

(c) if so, steps taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Subsidy for private and community minor irrigation works is already being extended to small and marginal farmers under Central Sector Programmes such as Small Farmers Development Agency (SFDA), Drought-Prone Area Programme (DPAP), Integrated Tribal Development Programme (ITDP) and Command Area Development (CAD). Such programmes are proposed to be intensified in the Next Plan.

(b) and (c). Development of irrigation through tapping of available water resources in all the areas covering scarcity, drought-prone and backward areas is already being given maximum emphasis under the normal State Plans of the States. The outlays for the irrigation programmes have been increased from year to year as it would appear from the following table:

(Rs. in crores)

	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78
Minor Irrigation			
(i) Public Sector	128.59	149.04	197.18
(ii) Institutional Investment	175.00	215.00	260.00
Major-Medium Irrigation (Public Sector)	496.00	694.00	988.00

In addition special emphasis is being given on development of irrigation under Central Sector Programmes such as SFDA, DPAP and ITDP which have been specially taken up for providing benefits in the drought prone and backward areas.

Employment Oriented Schemes for Agricultural Graduates

4422. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state: