

(a) the functions of the Goan Private Shippers dealing with foreign countries; and

(b) the policy of Government in this regard?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE):** (a) and (b): The function of all Indian shippers, including Goan Private Shippers, is to arrange export of cargoes to foreign countries, Government encourages and assists the shippers in their export drive.

**Dry Irrigation Plant and Exploitation of Underground water potential**

**3480. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government for a long term dry irrigation plant and exploitation of underground water potential in the country so that food balance is not upset; and

(b) if so, facts of the programmes of Government in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI B. P. MAURYA):** (a) Yes, Sir. Subject to the regional feasibility and scope and a availability of financial and other resources, maximum efforts are being made in the country to step up irrigation facilities for the dry areas from surface as well as groundwater sources with a view to increasing agricultural production.

(b) The total investment for irrigation development envisaged in the draft Fifth Five Year Plan is of the order of Rs. 4635.05 crores made up of Rs. 3172.55 crores from public sector and Rs. 1462.50 crores from institutional sources. In addition there is a

provision of Rs. 187 crores under the Central Sector for Drought Prone Area Programme. Irrigation schemes from an important constituent of this programme.

Irrigation from surface water sources is expected to be stepped up from 26.90 million hectares to 33.58 million hectares and 16.00 million hectares to 20.50 million hectares from groundwater sources during Fifth Five Year Plan.

**Cattle Disease in Jabalpur Military Dairy Farm**

**3481. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA:**  
**SHRI M. S. PURTY:**

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a serious outbreak of a cattle disease, 'rinderpest', has taken a heavy toll of animals at the military dairy farm at Jabalpur; and

(b) if so, the loss of cattle and the efforts of Government to save the life of animals in the area?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI B. P. MAURYA):** (a) and (b). Due to outbreak of rinderpest in May, 1974, Military Farm, Jabalpur lost 193 animals. All animals in the Military Farm were immediately given serum and then tissue culture rinderpest vaccine as soon as the disease was confirmed by the Institute of Preventive Medicine, Bhopal.

16729 preventive vaccinations have been carried out by the Veterinary Department in Jabalpur town to control the disease. 5 deaths have been reported from the area in Jabalpur.