

- 1989-90 The switching capacity lines added 21813.
—Net Telephone connections provided 22558.
—Stations brought under NSD/ISD network 15.
- 1990-91 The switching capacity lines added 35417.
—Net telephone connections provided 28819.
—Stations brought under NSD/ISD network 25.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Plans for the year 1991-92:—

- Switching capacity lines to be added 77403.
—Net telephone connections to be provided 40445.
—Stations to be provided with STD facility 40.

[Translation]

Financial Assistance to Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi (Bihar)

4027. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUHDARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the quantum of assistance sought and given under the 'Establishment and Development of Agricultural Universities' to Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi, Bihar during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): Sir, The details of funds asked for and amount released to Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi, Bihar during the last three years are as follows:—

Year	Demand	Amount released (Rs. in lakhs)
1988-89	Nil	14.105
1989-90	Nil	32.00
1990-91	Nil	35.00

Plantation of Oil Palm Trees

4028. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Expert Committee had identified certain areas in the country for plantation of Oil Palm trees in 1986;

(b) if so, the details of the areas identified;

(c) the steps taken by the Government

to encourage plantation of Oil Palm trees at Konkan region; and

(d) the schemes formulated for plantation of high yielding Oil Palm trees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Expert Committee identified 5.75 lakh ha. in nine States suitable for oil palm cultivation. The details are as follows:

State	Area (Lakh Ha.)
Andhra Pradesh	2.50
Assam	0.10
Karnataka	2.50
Kerala	0.05
Maharashtra	0.10
Orissa	0.10
Tamil Nadu	0.25
Tripura	0.05
West Bengal	0.10
Total	5.75

(c) and (d) The Government of India jointly with Government of Maharashtra has launched the oil palm demonstration project in the Konkan region (Sindhudurg district) of Maharashtra to demonstrate the feasibility of oil palm cultivation under irrigated conditions over an area of about 1000 ha. Oil palm nurseries have been established with elite, high yielding hybrid seeds both from imported and indigenous sources. The total field planted area is about 700 ha. so far and the remaining area is being field planted during this monsoon.

[English]

Ongoing Irrigation Projects in Rajasthan

4029. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of the ongoing irrigation projects in Rajasthan; and

(b) the present position of those projects and the time by which those are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) A statement regarding major/medium ongoing irrigation projects of Rajasthan is attached.

STATEMENT

Position of ongoing major/medium irrigation projects of Rajasthan as per state annual plan 1991-92
(Rs. Crores)

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Latest Cost	Expenditure up to 7th Plan	Anticipated Expenditure 1990-91	Schedules of Completion
A. Major & Multipurpose Projects					
1.	Bisalpur Stage-I (UA)	425.00	15.34	9.00	Beyond VIII Plan.
2.	Sidhmukh (A)	103.00	20.18	1.00	Beyond VIII Plan.
3.	Nohar(A)	40.60	0.00	0.05	Beyond VIII Plan.
4.	Raising of Kota Barrage (UA)	10.55	0.33	0.20	Almost completed. Only liabilities are remaining
5.	Mahi Baja Sagar Unit I & II (A)	362.56	176.03	22.46	Unit I & II Stage-I during VIII Plan. Likely date of completion of Unit-II & Stage-II not available.
6.	Indira Gandhi Stage-I (A)	255.00	264.63	4.20	VIII Plan.
7.	Indira Gandhi Stage-II (A)	1430.00	455.00	66.25	Beyond IX Plan.
8.	Jalkham (A)	74.48	56.34	3.50	VIII Plan.
9.	Gurgaon Canal (A)	30.55	14.49	1.25	VIII Plan
10.	Oldha Barrage (A)	2.27	0.20	0.20	1991-92.
11.	Narmada (UA)	54.80	2.63	0.50	Beyond VIII Plan
12.	Chambal Lift Scheme (UA)	24.52	5.58	0.75	VIII Plan
	Sub-Total	2823.33	1010.75	100.36	(A)
B. Medium Irrigation Projects					
13.	Meja Feeder (A)	24.11	24.93	0.15	Report completed by end of VII Plan. Only liabilities are remaining.
14.	Wagon (A)	12.20	11.75	0.20	-do-
15.	Basai (A)	9.37	9.32	0.20	-do-
16.	Som Kamla Amba (A)	96.45	41.30	9.60	VIII Plan.
17.	Kothari (A)	10.54	10.57	0.10	Report completed by end of VII Plan. Only liabilities are remaining.
18.	Som Kapdar (A)	21.53	18.65	1.95	VIII Plan.
19.	Pacherna (A)	30.56	19.80	3.00	VIII Plan.
20.	Bhim Sagar (A)	19.53	16.16	0.20	VIII Plan.
21.	Bilas (A)	12.00	8.46	1.50	VIII Plan.
22.	Chappi (A)	36.12	4.99	2.00	Beyond VIII Plan.
23.	Parwan Lift (A)	13.88	3.11	0.40	Beyond VIII Plan
24.	Swan Bhadon (A)	15.45	11.44	2.20	VIII Plan.
25.	Harish Chandra Sagar (UA)	17.93	5.93	1.50	VIII Plan.
	Sub. Total	319.67	196.41	23.00	(B)
C. MODERNISATION PROJECTS					
26.	GangCanal (UA)	225.96	18.15	2.75	Beyond VIII Plan
27.	Jaisam and Udaipur (UA)	15.09	1.93	0.03	Beyond VIII Plan
28.	Moral (UA)	27.61	2.35	0.05	Beyond VIII Plan
29.	Moshi (UA)	3.13	1.53	0.05	Beyond VIII Plan.
30.	Gudha (UA)	7.39	2.11	0.05	beyond VIII Plan
31.	Alania (UA)	2.77	1.39	0.05	Beyond VIII Plan
32.	Parwan (UA)	2.61	1.07	0.03	Beyond VIII Plan
33.	Gawbhiri (UA)	16.71	4.40	0.20	Beyond VIII Plan
34.	Meja (UA)	4.90	3.13	0.40	Beyond VIII Plan
35.	11 Deferred Projects	52.53	10.01	0.74	Beyond VIII Plan
	Sub. Total	356.72	46.07	4.35	(C)
	GRAND TOTAL OF A+B+C :	3601.72	1243.23	136.71	

NOTE: A — Approved; UA — Unapproved.