

*[Translation]***Water Mills**

*308. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be please to state:

(a) the number of water mills set up under the Promotional Incentive Scheme as on March 31, 1998 in the country, State-wise;

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon and the installed capacity thereof;

(c) whether these water mills are functional and generating power as per their installed capacity;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the number of such water mills which have been closed down and the reasons for these closure; and

(f) the details of work done for setting up water mills in private sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) Ministry of Non-conventional Energy sources has two programmes for development/up-gradation of water mills:—

(i) Demonstration Programme under UNDP/GEF Hilly Hydro Project.

(ii) Promotional incentive scheme, 1997.

So far, 17 demonstration water mills have been set up/up-graded in Uttar Pradesh (13 Nos.); Himachal Pradesh (2 Nos.) and Jammu & Kashmir (2 Nos.).

(b) and (c) Expenditure of about Rs. 4 lakhs has been incurred by the Ministry. 16 water mills are operating at present. Only two are electricity generating water mills which are generating power to capacity of 5 KW each.

(d) and (e) Only one water mill is temporarily out of order, due to breakage of grinding-stone.

(f) All the 17 water mills are in private sector.

Watershed Development Project

*309. SHRI VITHAL TUPE :
SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the achievements made under the National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed-Area Scheme, State-wise, particularly in various districts of Maharashtra and Gujarat States during last three years;

(b) the area of cultivable-land covered under the National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed-Area Scheme (NWDPR) so far during the above period; and

(c) details of the future programme in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) The National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPR) was implemented in 25 States and 2 Union Territories during VIII Plan. Under the Project a Watershed is saturated (fully treated) in a phased manner over a five year period. The Statewise physical achievement of the NWDPR in the VIII Plan & districtwise in case of Maharashtra and Gujarat together with area treated during the 1st year of the IX Plan (1997-98) are given in the enclosed Statements I, II, and III respectively.

(c) NWDPR is being continued during the IX Five Year Plan in 25 States and 2 Union Territories. The IX Plan outlay for NWDPR is Rs. 1100 crores. The budget allocation of the Project has been increased from Rs. 155 crore in 1997-98 to Rs. 270 crore in 1998-99. According to a 25 year Perspective Plan prepared by the Planning Commission, Rs. 5000 crore would be required for coverage of rainfed areas through Watershed development, including NWDPR, during the IX Plan period.

Statement I

Statewise cumulative Physical Achievement During VIII Plan and 1st Year of IX Plan Under National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPR)

(Area in ha.)

Sl. No.	State/UT	Physical achievement during VIII Plan	Physical achievement during 1st year of IX Plan
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	176939	29001
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1970	120

1	2	3	4
3.	Assam	70221	17587
4.	Bihar	23189	7976
5.	Goa	2100	49*
6.	Gujarat	292579	17901
7.	Haryana	20272	158
8.	Himachal Pradesh	34309	11900
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	14044	462*
10.	Karnataka	485109	60000
11.	Kerala	88276	11000
12.	Madhya Pradesh	660202	10470*
13.	Maharashtra	847522	9240
14.	Manipur	8682	150*
15.	Meghalaya	2877	1000
16.	Mizoram	18198	2820
17.	Nagaland	14510	821
18.	Orissa	295000	28000
19.	Punjab	18035	706*
20.	Rajasthan	547931	2850
21.	Sikkim	7626	2000
22.	Tamil Nadu	172657	25145
23.	Tripura	7694	2286*
24.	Uttar Pradesh	303683	20311

1	2	3	4
25.	West Bengal	131000*	13176
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	84	28*
27.	Andaman & Nicobar	1785	513
Total		4278858	289181

* Estimated figures

Statement II

Districtwise Physical Achievement in Maharashtra State Under National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPR) During VIII Plan and 1997-98 of IX Plan

(Area in ha.)

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Physical achievement during VIII Plan	Physical achievement during 1997-98 of IX Plan
1	2	3	4
1.	Thane	19842	184
2.	Raigad	37577	412
3.	Ratnagiri	22433	222
4.	Sindudurg	20507	153
5.	Nasik	54575	668
6.	Dhule	28465	211
7.	Jalgaon	28711	229
8.	Ahmadnagar	26645	288
9.	Pune	40222	425
10.	Solapur	35641	414

1	2	3	4
11.	Stara	45638	335
12.	Sangli	35777	332
13.	Kolhapur	39887	224
14.	Aurangabad	18046	280
15.	Jalana	11642	223
16.	Beed	20061	488
17.	Latur	18049	241
18.	Osmanabad	22084	198
19.	Nanded	19375	567
20.	Parbhani	27700	459
21.	Buldhana	34268	570
22.	Akola	30955	304
23.	Amravati	38107	368
24.	Yewatmal	34079	996
25.	Wardha	34510	90
26.	Nagpur	42874	209
27.	Bhandara	17992	48
28.	Chandrapur	19558	156
29.	Gadhiroli	22302	246
Total		647522	9240

Statement III

Districtwise Physical Achievement in Gujarat State Under National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPA) During VIII Plan and 1997-98 of IX Plan

(Area in ha.)

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Physical achievement during VIII Plan	Physical achievement during 1997-98 of IX Plan
1	2	3	4
1.	Banaskantha	31427.940	1620.210
2.	Mehsana	19306.780	1343.330
3.	Saburkantha	10665.690	430.000
4.	Ahmedabad	20564.760	1100.00
5.	Khed	30264.210	1396.000
6.	Panchmahal	7500.000	435.000
7.	Vadodara	10686.720	1486.000
8.	Bharuch	10387.000	161.000
9.	Surat	7796.000	936.000
10.	Valsad	4625.000	1009.000
11.	Kutch	10989.200	0.000
12.	Sur. Nagar	24597.790	2375.960
13.	Rajkot	15806.770	950.000
14.	Jamnagar	14181.960	2963.000
15.	Junagadh	39261.730*	193.500

1	2	3	4
16.	Bhavnagar	18249.380	932.000
17.	Amreli	15166.000	570.000
18.	Gandhinagar	742.610	0.000
19.	Dang	157.000	0.000
Total		292578.740	17901.000

[English]

Change in Foreign Policy

*310. SHRI ANUP LAL YADAV :
SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any change in the foreign policy of the Government after Pokhran Nuclear tests;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh measures taken/proposed to be taken to normalise relations with our neighbouring countries after the nuclear tests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In our statements in recent weeks, we have stressed that India is committed to fostering friendship and cooperation with all neighbouring countries. After the tests we have made significant proposals for confidence building and for peace and stability in the region and beyond, including the reiteration of our willingness to discuss a 'no-first-use agreement' bilaterally with Pakistan, as also with other countries, bilaterally or in a collective form. Recently, we addressed an invitation to an official delegation led by Foreign Secretary of Pakistan to visit New Delhi to resume the round of FS-level talks adjourned in New Delhi last September. A letter has also been addressed to the Prime Minister of Pakistan. We have also stated that with China, India seeks a relationship in which both sides are responsive to each other's concerns. The Bangladesh Prime Minister has visited India after the tests and discussions were held on all matters of

mutual interest. Government will continue to remain engaged in substantive dialogue with our neighbours to improve relations and to expand the scope of our interactions in a mutually advantageous manner.

[Translation]

National Policy on Agriculture

*311. SHRI RAMPAL SINGH :
SHRI ADITYANATH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union government propose to formulate a new national policy on agriculture immediately to increase the production in agriculture sector, and in order to solve the problems of the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) to (c) A comprehensive National Policy on Agriculture is in the final stages of drafting and is likely to be finalised shortly in consultation with the States.

The Policy will aim at the management and conservation of the natural-resource base through sustainable management of land and water resources. It will seek to promote environmentally non-degrading, technically sound, economically viable and socially acceptable improvement of natural resources to promote sustainable development of agriculture. The policy will focus particular attention of measures such as Land reforms to channelise the energies of small and marginal farmers.

The policy will, to this end, seek to achieve :

- (i) conservation of the natural-resource base through sustainable management of land and water resources and protection and conservation of bio-diversity.
- (ii) maintenance of food self-sufficiency.
- (iii) greater employment generation, higher household incomes and reduction of poverty through diversification of farming systems.
- (iv) Reduction of regional imbalances through greater emphasis on rainfed farming and developing areas of untapped potential;