

had two rounds of discussions aimed at defusing the present tensions in our relationship and to carry the bilateral dialogue forward. The discussions held so far have helped to understand each other's perceptions better and to narrow down differences on several of the Confidence Building measures suggested by India. A third round of talks is scheduled for late September, 1990.

#### **Implementation of D. P. A. P. in Uttar Pradesh**

\*222. SHRI M. S. PAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of blocks in Nainital district which have been recommended by Uttar Pradesh Government for implementing the Drought Prone Areas Programme;

(b) the action taken by Union Government so far in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the Programme is likely to be implemented in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA):

(a) The Government of Uttar Pradesh in its memorandum submitted to the National Committee on Drought Prone Areas Programme and Desert Development Programme as recommended inclusion of the following six blocks in district Nainital for inclusion under DPAP:

Ramgarh

Okhalkanda

Bhim Tal

Betal Ghat

Dhari

#### **Kotabagh**

(b) and (c). The National Committee on DPAP and DDP in its report submitted to the Government has recommended that these programmes should be transferred to States and suitably merged with the State Plans. It has, therefore, made no recommendation on the proposals for coverage of additional areas under these programmes received from State Governments.

The Union Government has not yet taken a decision on the recommendations of this Committee.

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#### **Irrigated Land in Karnataka**

2351. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total acreage of irrigated land in Karnataka; and

(b) the measures taken to bring more land under irrigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):

(a) The net irrigated area in Karnataka, as per the latest land use statistics for 1987-88, was 18.53 lakh hectares.

(b) Several major, medium and minor irrigation schemes are being undertaken to increase the irrigated area in the State. The following steps have been taken to accelerate the development of minor irrigation in the State:

(i) Allocation of increased public sector outlay during 1990-91;