
Sl. No. Name of the Project

(e) Gaya

11. Yatri Niwas at Gaya

12. Water Sports Equipment.

[English]

Production of Bio-Fertilizers

*93. SHRIMATI SUBHASHINI ALI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Standing Advisory Committee on Agriculture has pleaded for massive production of bio-fertilizers in view of the serious pressure on imports and manufacture of chemical fertilizers;

(b) whether research and development work on bio-fertilizers has been undertaken in ICAR labs; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has undertaken projects which have helped to identify efficient strains of bio-fertilisers including Rhizobium, Blue Green Algae Azospirillum and Azotobacter. These projects are funded under (i) All India Coordinated Project on Soyabean (Micro biology), and pulses, (ii) All India Coordinated Project on Biological Nitrogen Fixation, and (iii) a Indo-U.S. STI (Science Technology Initiative) programme.

[Translation]

Scarcity of Drinking Water

*94. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the areas in the country where supply of drinking water is not adequate during the summer season;

(b) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to tackle this problem particularly in 16 plateau areas of Bundelkhand region on the borders of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) Certain Drought Prone Areas in the country normally face inadequacy of drinking water supply during the summer season.

(b) and (c). No special scheme has been formulated to tackle the problem particularly in 16 plateau areas of Bundelkhand region on the borders of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. However, the problem of drinking water supply not only in the above areas, but also indemnified residual problem villages is tackled under the normal plan programmes of the States and Central Government.

[English]

Irrigation Projects of Rajasthan

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