

(c) The Government have taken into consideration their suggestions and appropriate action has been taken thereon;

(d) Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is being implemented in important oilseeds growing States for increasing the oilseeds production in the country. Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided for supply of inputs and farmers support services.

Drinking Water in Orissa Villages

610. SHRI NAKUL NAYAK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether drinking water facility has not been provided in many villages in Orissa, particularly in the backward districts of Phulabani, Kalahandi and Bolangiri;

(b) if so, the reason therefor;

(c) the steps taken to provide potable drinking water to all the villages in that State;

(d) whether any target date has been fixed therefor; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA):
(a) Yes, Sir. As on 1.4.90, there were 1320 problem villages in Orissa which include 153 villages in Phulabani and 14 villages in Kalahandi districts. The district of Bolangiri has got no problem villages.

(b) Since 1st April, 1985, 13123 problem villages have been covered. The remaining 1320 village are in the process of being covered.

(c) Action Plan for 1990-91 envisages covering of all the remainin problem villages in Orissa.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) By 31st March, 1991, all the problem villages will be covered alongwith 3800 partially covered villages.

Vacancies in Top Positions in Research Boards

611. DR. ASIM BALA:
SHRI SURYA NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the post of Director General of the India Council of Agricultural Research has been lying vacant for a long time;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether regular Directors of National Dairy Research institute, Karnal and Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar have also not been appointed so far; and

(d) if so, the reason therefor and the steps taken by Government to fill up these posts immediately.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):
(a) and (b). Sir, Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research & Education (DARE) also functions as Director-General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). Presently the post of Secretary, DARE is held by Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation as an additional charge.