

preparing a feasibility report. The timeschedule for implementation of the scheme will depend upon final clearance of the project.

(e) Pending final decision for bilateral assistance, Sahawa-Gandheli water supply scheme is implemented under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme.

[English]

### **Computerisation of Freedom Fighters Section**

9141. SHRI VIDYADHARGOKHALE:  
DR. VENKATESH KABDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to computerise the section of Home Ministry dealing with pensions of Freedom Fighters to improve efficiency in disposal of pension cases of freedom fighters; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. In fact, computerisation of work of Freedom Fighters Division has already started. Primarily, district-wise information about sanctioned cases and rejected cases is being maintained.

### **Improvement in Agricultural Production**

9142. SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the thrust areas as for concentration of efforts to raising agricultural production, removing structural disadvantages and to improve the living standards of farmers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b). Generation of appropriate technologies and provision of all inputs and services required by the farmers for adoption of improved technologies together with creation of a favourable price environment for the producers constitute the basic thrust in the efforts of the Government for raising agricultural production. Specific programmes such as Special Foodgrains Programme with focus on wheat, rice, maize, gram and arhar, the National Pulses Development Project, Oilseeds Production Programme, Intensive Cotton Development Programme, the National Watershed Development Programme for Rainfed Agriculture, the Small and Marginal Farmers Development Programme for increasing the agricultural production have been taken with a view to maximise production of specific agricultural commodities or assist under-privileged sections of the farmers, such as the small and marginal farmers and farmers in rainfed areas with a view to maximise productivity and production of agricultural crops.

Stress is also being laid on diversification and expansion of the productive base of the rural economy through wider selection of projects, under the Integrated Rural Development Programme meant for the beneficiaries below the poverty line, by including programmes such as fruits and food processing units, fish farming etc. for removing structural disadvantages and improving their standards of living.

### **Reclamation of Usar and Banjar Land in Uttar Pradesh**

9143. SHRI CHAND RAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: