

**SHUKLA:** (a) The project envisages annual irrigation of 190, 360 hectares.

(b) The project is scheduled to spill over beyond VIII Plan.

(c) Storage of 0.375 million acre-feet (463 million cubic metres) has been provided in Chandil Dam in Bihar, for moderation of floods in West Bengal and Orissa.

#### **Pilferage of Money Orders**

**3951. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of money order scam are on the rise;

(b) if not, the number of complaints received during the last 12 months of the money orders not reaching the payees; and

(c) the reasons for not checking the scam and taking foolproof measures to ensure no pilferage of money orders or for that matter any mail of the citizens of the country?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):** (a) No Sir. However complaints have been received about delay or Non-payment of money orders.

(b) 6619 complaints were received during the last 12 months compared to the annual average traffic of 106 millions of money orders handled by the Department of Posts.

(c) There is already a well organised system of monitoring to ensure proper transmission of mails and to check payment of money orders. The money orders are not

pilfered but these are, sometimes, lost in transit due to human failure in their disposal. In such cases, the payees/remitter are compensated by issue of duplicate money orders.

#### **Irrigation Projects of West Bengal**

**3952. SHRI BIRSINGH MAHATO:** Will the MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of irrigation projects in West Bengal approved recently by Union Government along with estimated amount thereof; and

(b) the percentage of share of expenditure of the Union Government and the State Government in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA):** (a) During the last one year from July, 1991 to June 1992 no major or medium Irrigation Project of West Bengal has been given investment clearance by the planning commission

(b) Irrigation projects are fully funded by the State Governments from resources.

[*Translation*]

#### **Regional Publicity Units**

**3953. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM:** Will the MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been carried out to assess the role played by the regional publicity units and the resources made available to them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?