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Mining Lease of Granite In Karnataka

*283. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have directed the Government of Karnataka to review the existing policy of granting lease for granite mining;

(b) if so, the reaction of the State Government thereon; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost the export of granite?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) The Union Government have advised the State Government to review and orient its leasing policy for granite to make it conducive the growth of this export oriented industry.

(b) The State Government of Karnataka has revised their Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1969 in May, 1990.

(c) The exporters of granite and other building stones have been made eligible for export incentives on par with other exporters. Further, to generate exportable surpluses, 100% Exporter oriented granite units for export production of value-added granite products are being approved by the Government to be set up in granite producing States.

[*Translation*]

Irrigation Facilities

*284. SHRI NITISH KUMAR:
SHRI SUKDEO PASWAN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have fixed any target to generate additional irrigation facilities during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating estimated expenditure involved therein; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). During the Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-97) the target for irrigation potential created from all sources have been fixed at 15.8 million hectares. Rs. 28391.79 crores have been earmarked for major and medium and minor irrigation schemes during this period.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

New Hotels in Orissa

*285. SHRI SUBASH CHANDRA NAYAK:
SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals to set up some hotels along the marine drive between Puri and Konark in Orissa are pending with the Union Government since long;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and