

Programmes in Urdu on Doordarshan

3894. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the programmes of Urdu language on Doordarshan, Kendra-wise;

(b) total weekly time for Urdu programmes as proportion of the total telecast time; and

(c) the sanctioned strength of Urdu production staff with vacancies as on November 1, 1995, station-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Lift Irrigation Projects

3895. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for funding the lift irrigation projects which are located in the backward and remote areas;

(b) if so, whether any Central sector scheme has been worked out for this purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Marketing of IOC Downstream Products in West Asia

3896. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY :

SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has conducted market studies to identify specific markets and requirements for sale of its downstream products in West Asia;

(b) if so, the details of the results of the studies and the products proposed to be marketed;

(c) whether IOC has also applied to the US Government for patenting of some of its products;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the IOC propose to associate some foreign companies in marketing their downstream products in West Asia and other foreign countries; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Preliminary investigations have revealed potential for lube marketing in Dubai and Bahrain.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. IOC has obtained US patent for its product entitled "Lubricating Grease Composition".

(e) and (f) No decision has been taken by IOC about associating foreign oil companies for marketing their downstream products in West Asia and other foreign countries.

[Translation]

On-Going Irrigation Projects

3897. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE :

SHRI PRATAP RAO B. BHONSLE :

SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA :

SHRI BHEEM SINGH PATEL :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of on-going major and medium irrigation projects in country;

(b) the number of incomplete projects out of these which were started in seventies;

(c) the expenditure incurred on on-going projects so far;

(d) the number of projects lagging behind their original schedule;

(e) the reasons for inordinate delay;

(f) whether the Government have received the progress of on-going irrigation projects;

(g) if so, the details thereof, Statewise; and

(h) the steps taken by the Government for the timely completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) At the beginning of VIII Plan there were 158 Major, 226 Medium and 95 Extension/Renovation/Modernisation (ERM) on-going irrigation Projects.

(b) Out of these 85 Major, 131 Medium and 19 ERM Projects were taken up during the period 1969-1980.

(c) The anticipated expenditure till March, 1995 on on-going Projects is Rs.34,157.28 crores.

(d) Out of the above on-going Projects, 103 Major, 171 Medium and 21 ERM Projects have been given investment clearance by the Planning Commission. Out of these 90 Major, 166 Medium and 21 ERM Projects are running behind schedule.

(e) The main reason for delay in completion of the Projects, in addition to technical factors and difficulties in acquisition of land, is inadequate provision of funds.

(f) and (g) The Central Water Commission is monitoring important projects regularly. The progress of on-going projects is also reviewed during Annual Plan discussions with the State Governments.

(h) Various steps taken by the Government are giving priority to those projects which have made substantial progress, earmarking of outlays to important projects, intensive monitoring of selected projects, advising the States to establish cost control cells.

Allotment of LPG Agencies and Petrol Retail Outlets

3898. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT :

SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of LPG agencies and petrol retail outlets allotted in Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan, during the last two years;

(b) the norms prescribed of selection of places, persons etc. in this regard;

(c) the target fixed for allotment of LPG agencies and petrol retail outlets in the above States during 1995-96 alongwith the locations thereof; and

(d) the categories for which the advertisements were published for the above allotments and the norms prescribed therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) and (b) A retail outlet dealership or LPG distributorship is planned on the basis of the market survey. Locations having requisite potential to sustain economically viable dealership/distributorship are included in the Marketing Plan. Selection of dealers/distributors is done by the Oil Selection Board from amongst the persons applying in response to the advertisement of the oil companies and meeting the eligibility criteria relating to nationality, age, educational qualification, income, residence and multiple dealership norms. A few dealerships/distributorships are also allotted by Government on compassionate grounds. The total number of dealerships/distributorships allotted during the last 2 years in Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan is given below :

	RO	LPG
Andhra Pradesh	64	68
Rajasthan	83	39

(c) and (d) As per existing policy, reservation has been provided for different categories as under :

SC/ST	- 25%
Defence	- 7½%
Physically Handicapped	- 7½%
Freedom Fighter	- 3%
Outstanding Sports persons	- 2%
Open	- 55%

80 and 99 retail outlet dealerships and 85 and 51 LPG distributorships have been included in the RO Marketing Plan 1993-96 and LPG Marketing Plan 1994-96 for Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan respectively.

Irrigation Projects

3899. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA :

PROF. MALINI BHATTARCHARYA :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the major and medium irrigation projects of West Bengal lagging behind their original schedule;

(b) the cost escalation as a result thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government of West Bengal has requested the Union Government for additional financial assistance for the completion of on-going irrigation projects; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) Out of on-going major and medium irrigation projects of West Bengal in VIII Plan, two major projects viz. Kangsabati and Teesta Barrage Project-State-I and 13 medium project viz. Hinglow, Sali, Barabhum, Golmanjore, Ramchanderpur, Diversion, Mouterajore, Hunmata, Tatka, Patlai, Bako, Lipaninjore and Parga have been approved by the Planning Commission and all of them are running behind schedule.

(b) Their latest estimated cost of Rs.252.94 crores against approved cost of Rs.103.97 crores.