

RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI HARJIBHAI PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) . Government of West Bengal submitted a project proposal on 19.2.96 costing of Rs. 228.00 crore for providing safe drinking water in the areas affected by arsonic water pollution in South 24-Parganas district.

(d) The arsonic problem, is being dealt with under the programme of Sub-Mission on removal of excess arsonic from drinking water. The Central assistance is provided to the State Govt. as per sub-Mission norms prescribed by Govt. of India.

[Translation]

#### Development of Roads in Uttar Pradesh

1337. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether most of the roads in central and eastern Uttar Pradesh are in a bad shape;

(b) whether the link roads to the villages are also in a bad state;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken in a time bound manner bring them to a good condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI HARJIBHAI PATEL): (a) to (d) . This Ministry does not maintain district-wise and village-wise data on State roads. Construction and maintenance of State roads is the responsibility of State Governments.

[English]

#### Power Projects

1338. SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH :  
SHRI ANNA JOSHI :  
SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of power projects cleared by the Union Government during the last three years, State-wise along with the total investment made therein;

(b) the number of power projects (plants) in operation at present out of those, location-wise; .

(c) the total power potential targetted to be achieved on the completion of these projects and the target actually achieved; and

(d) the number of power projects still to be cleared by the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) to (d) . The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

#### NABARD Loan for Rural Electrification

1339. SHRIMATI KESHARBAI SOMAJI KSHIR-SAGAR : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the amount sought by the Rural Electrification Corporation from the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for different projects in Maharashtra during the last two years till date; and

(b) the details of the projects and the amount allocated and released for each project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) . Rural Electrification Corporation & Commercial Banks jointly finance energisation of pumpsets in the country with a refinance from National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD on a 1:1:1 ratio under the Special Project Agriculture (SPA) Programme. The details of amount provided by NABARD for different projects under SPA in Maharashtra during the last two years & till date are as under :

Year	Number of projects	Refinance Allocation	Amount Disbursed by NABARD	(Rs. in Crores)
1993-94	156	0.32	26.16	Including on going project.
1994-95	98	27.03	22.56	-do-
1995-96	Nil	Nil	15.08	-do-

[English]

#### West Coast Canal

1340. SHRI A. CHARLES :  
SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey for Development of the West Coast Canal between quilon and Kovalam has been completed;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to complete the survey expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (c) . As per the feasibility study conducted