

tance asked for by the Government of Orissa for the implementation of irrigation projects during last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): Central assistance is given to the State in the form of block loans and grants and is not tied to any particular sector of development or project. The outlay proposed by the State Government during the last three years for irrigation sector were as under:-

	<i>Rs. in crores</i>
1988-89	220.68
1989-90	189.13
1990-91	287.71

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RMS Sorting Offices

5868. SHRIMATISUSEELAGOPALAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of RMS Sorting Offices in the country;

(b) whether all of them have the required structural accommodation with minimum facilities and amenities; and

(c) if not, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Sir, there are 548 RMS Sorting Offices in the country.

(b) While accommodation is provided to all Railway Mail Sorting Offices, in the case of units functioning in rented or Railway premises, due to various constraints, it is not always possible to provide desired level of facilities and amenities in them.

(c) Subject to availability of resources, in a phased manner, better accommodation is arranged, wherever possible.

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Sorting Machines in RMS Offices

5869. SHRIMATISUSEELAGOPALAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken to instal sorting machines in RMS Offices;

(b) if so, the cost of each machine and the country from which the Government propose to import such machines; and

(c) the number of RMS offices which are being provided with this machine and the number of employees likely to be rendered surplus as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) A decision has been taken to instal automatic integrated mail processing system in Bombay.

(b) This technology is available only in some developed countries and the equipment has to be imported. Action for procurement of equipment is under way.

(c) A study of the project for Bombay show that 85 sorters would become available for deployment else where to sort the rest of the non-machineable articles and increased work-load in other spheres of Postal and RMS activity, after the proposed equipment is installed.

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Fishing Harbour at Paradip

5870. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an abnormal delay

in the construction of fishing harbour at Paradip in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the likely date for completion of the construction of this harbour and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). No, Sir. There is no delay so far in the construction of the fishing harbour at Pradeep.

(c) The fishing harbour project is likely to be completed by February, 1994. The progress of the fishing harbour is being monitored by a Central Monitoring Committee.

55 *Milk and Milk Products*
Demand and Supply of Milk in Delhi

5871. SHRI K. THULASIAH VANDAYAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total daily demand and supply of milk in Delhi; and

(b) the total capacity of milk dairies in Delhi and the quantity of milk procured from neighbouring States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) The total estimated daily demand for milk in Delhi is 20-25 lakh litres and the total average supply through Mother Dairy and Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) is about 10.5 lakh litres per day.

(b) The combined installed capacity of Mother Dairy and Delhi Milk Scheme is 11.5 lakh litres per day. The average daily procurement by these two dairies from the neighbouring States and Delhi Cooperative Societies is about 3.00 lakh kgs.

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Agreement between India and Uzbekistan Republic of USSR

5872. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether two agreements were reached between India and Uzbekistan Republic of USSR recently; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof and the period of validity of these agreements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Agreement on economic cooperation provides for appropriate measures by both sides to facilitate and develop on a stable and lasting basis inter-change in the economic, commercial, scientific-technological and other spheres.

The agreement on cultural cooperation provides for maintenance and strengthening of mutual cooperation in the fields of culture arts, education, science, tourism, sports and mass media.

Both the Agreements are valid for five years and would stand extended for further periods of five years if neither side notifies the other of its decision to terminate them 6 months before the expiry date.

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Tubewells in Uttar Pradesh

5873. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI:

SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI MANABENDRA SHAH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state: