

Financial Assistance to Subarnarekha Project

977. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES will be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have stopped the financial assistance to Subarnarekha Project in Orissa in view of interstate dispute between Orissa and Bihar;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of dispute regarding this project between the two States; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to resolve this dispute so that the Central assistance is provided for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir. The Planning Commission has allocated an outlay of Rs. 795.00 crores for the project during the 8th Five Year Plan. An outlay of Rs. 80.00

crores was recommended by the working group for the project during 1992-93.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[English]

Current Affairs Programmes on Doordarshan

978. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of proposals of current affairs programmes received by various Doordarshan Kendras during 1992; and

(b) the details of programmes selected for telecast by each Kendra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) & (b) : While none of the Doordarshan Kendras received any proposal, the Doordarshan Directorate received 223 proposals out of which 27 were selected. Details are annexed.