

alliance is to create in India packages to be marketed in India and overseas, both products and services, for the various petroleum downstream application areas in one or more of the following areas:

- (i) To repackage and market existing, oil Industry related I.S. solutions developed independently by any of the parties of the alliance.
- (ii) To develop globally usable software and carry out on site testing at operating units.
- (iii) To recommend total business solutions including networking.
- (iv) To carry out system integration.
- (v) To provide hand-holding training.
- (vi) To develop upgrades.

(g) & (h) A Technical Steering Committee has been set up. The role of this Committee is to guide product development efforts and to coordinate the development of resources (Hardware, Software and Human Resources) by the members of the alliance for product development. This Committee is not expected to submit any report.

Demand of Handicapped Associations

287. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a persistent demand particularly by the handicapped associations in India to change certain terminologies such as blind person, deaf person and orthopaedically handicapped into Pragnyachakshu, Moorbadhir and Asthivikalang respectively; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI):

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Doesn't arise.

[Translation]

Irrigation Projects

288. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHI:
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:
SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the execution of major and medium irrigation projects is delayed as reported in the Hindustan Times dated October, 8, 1994;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND STATE MINISTER IN

THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) (a) to (c) 158 major, 226 medium and 98 extension/renovation/modernisation (ERM) irrigation projects envisaging ultimate irrigation potential of 2,48,12,000 hectares and estimated to cost Rs. 65,576 crores spilled over into VIII Plan. VIII Plan outlay for these projects is Rs. 22,400 crores against an amount of Rs. 40,563 crores required for their completion. Keeping in view the project-wise VIII Plan outlay, 55 major, 98 medium and 15 ERM projects are scheduled for completion in the VIII Plan.

Irrigation is a State subject and irrigation projects are planned, formulated and funded by the States out of their plan resources. However, to ensure timely completion of irrigation projects, the Central Water Commission has been entrusted with monitoring of selected projects.

[Translation]

Naga-Kuki Encounters

289. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed and injured in Naga-Kuki encounters during 1994; and

(b) the security measures taken by the Government to stop these encounters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) As per information available upto 30th November, 1994, 165 persons were killed and 19 injured in Naga-Kuki clashes.

(b) The State Government were advised to strengthen security measures particularly in the mixed population areas and provide necessary relief to the victims. Steps taken by the Government include continuation of declaration of Manipur as 'disturbed area', declaring insurgent groups as "unlawful associations", induction of security forces, strengthening and improving the effectiveness of the State Police Force, etc.

[Translation]

Atrocities on Women

290. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY:
SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:
DR. K.D. JESWANI:
SHRI P.C. THOMAS:
SHRI SIMON MARANDI:
SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY:
SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of atrocities on women including dowry deaths, rapes, abduction, molestation and eve-teasing reported during the current year so far, month-wise and State/Union Territory-wise; and