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8. Lining of channels		V	U.A.	48.78	Beyond VIII Plan
9. Modernisation of Agra Canal		V	U.A.	36.89	-do-
10. Modernisation of Ghaggar Canal		V	U.A.	26.56	VIII Plan

A.P. stands for Annual Plan

U.A. stands of Unapproved

I/C stands for Increasing capacity

Welfare Schemes for SCs/STs

1840. SHRI N.J. RATHVA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of various Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe communities inhabiting in the country particularly in Gujarat;

(b) the details of various welfare schemes being implemented for the upliftment of SC/ST communities State/UT-wise;

(c) whether Gujarat has also been covered under these Welfare schemes; and

(d) if so, the details of funds allocated for this purpose during the Eighth Five Year Plan, so far?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) The lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have been notified through Sixteen Presidential Orders in accordance with the Provisions of articles 341 & 342 of the Constitution. A list of Presidential Orders is given in Statement-I*. The details of Castes & communities which have been specified as Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in relation to the State of Gujarat are given in Statement-II*.

(b) As in the Statement III*. [Statements I, II, III and IV have been placed in the Library. See No. L.T. 8533/95]

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The funds under the Central/Centrally sponsored Scheme are allocated Scheme-wise and not on State/UT-wise. However, details indicating the total allocation under Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes meant for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are given in the Statement-IV*.

[English]

Production in NCL

1841. SHRI RAM NIHOR RAI : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Bina project of N.C.L. is giving the production over and above the installed capacity of the plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the other projects under N.C.L. are giving the production below the installed capacity of the plant;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to increase the production in these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. In 1994-95, Bina Opencast mine of Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) produced 5.4 million tonnes of coal against its rated capacity of 4.5 million tonnes per annum.

(c) Out of the 10 coal mines of NCL, four mines namely Gorbi, Jayant, Dubhichua (phase-I) and Kakri are presently producing less than the rated capacity.

(d) and (e). Reasons of lower production in these four mines are:

- (i) Exhaustion of reserves in Gorbi mine;
- (ii) Poor performance of dragline supplied by Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC) in Dudhichua mine;
- (iii) High stripping ratio in case of Jayant mine; and
- (iv) Serious hydrological problems in case of Kakri mine.

Steps have been taken to improve performance of dragline at Dudhichua project (Phase-I) and advance dewatering through boreholes is being carried out to improve working conditions at Kakri project. Action has also been taken for replacement of old wornout equipment at Jayant and wherever required.

[Translation]

Infiltration from Bangladesh and Nepal

1842. SHRI RAMPAL SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has

been drawn to the newsitem regarding infiltration of terrorists through Bangladesh and Nepal' appeared in 'Rashtriya Sahara' dated October 4, 1995;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have taken up the issue with the Governments of Bangladesh and Nepal in this regard; and

(c) if so, their reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). India's Security-related concerns have been shared with the Governments of Nepal and Bangladesh. These security related concerns were highlighted in the discussions at the levels of the Home Secretary during his visits to Bangladesh and Nepal.

In the case of Bangladesh, a Joint Working Group has been set up to examine, in depth, all outstanding issues and to recommend practical measures for resolving them.

As far as the Indo-Nepal border is concerned, in view of terrorist activities, the Government has established an anti-terrorist checkpost near Sonauli in Maharajganj district of Uttar Pradesh. Police Stations, outposts and immigration checkposts have been alerted to keep strict vigil. Border Security and Policing have also been tightened all along the Border. It has also been decided that a team of local Police/District Administration Officials of the border districts along the Indo-Nepal Border will meet every three months.

[English]

Kannada News Timings

1843. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Bangalore Doordarshan has changed its Kannada news timings consequent on the change in timings of Hindi and English news on National network;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to maintain status-quo of the Kannada news timings in the interest of large section of the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Kannada news bulletin telecast on Doordarshan Kendra, Bangalore has been shifted from 7.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. in order to maintain uniformity with regional news bulletin telecast from other Doordarshan Kendras.

(c). There is no such proposal at present.

Development of Infrastructural Facilities

1844. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to develop infrastructural facilities in the border areas in different States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in that direction in different border States and particularly in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAVA) : (a) to (c). Border Area Development Programme (BADP) is in operation in border blocks of States bordering Pakistan and Bangladesh to ensure balanced development of remote inaccessible areas situated near the border. Area specific schemes designed to take care of problems typical to border area, including development of infrastructural facilities, may be taken up under this programme.

Formulation of schemes is left to the concerned State Governments. Rajasthan Government is undertaking various schemes under BADP such as construction of roads, drinking water facilities, medical and health facilities veterinary hospitals, primary school buildings, panchayat buildings etc.

STD/PCOs in Andhra Pradesh

1845. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of STD/ISD, PCOs allotted in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) the number of applications pending; and

(c) the number of new such PCOs proposed to be allotted in 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) to (c) The information in being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as available.

Import of Coal

1846. SHRI HARIN PATHAK :
SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of coal imported during each of the last two years and the current year, so far, grade-wise;

(b) the value thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to minimise such imports and to produce better quality of coal indigenously?