

Opening of another Radio Station at Berhampore

35. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with his Ministry to open another Radio Station at Berhampore (Ganjam) Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons thereof; and

(d) the policy adopted by his Ministry to open Radio Stations so far?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Location of a new radio station is decided on various considerations such as gaps in the existing service area; density and disposition of population, special requirements of the area, technical feasibility, availability of talent, availability of resources relative priorities and availability of frequency allocations.

Badanallah Irrigation Project of Koraput District

36. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government of Orissa for early completion of Badanalla irrigation project of Koraput District;

(b) the reason for delay by that State, particularly of that project for preparation and inclusion for execution thereof; and

(c) funds provided by the Government of Orissa for this project for the year 1979-80?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI

A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) and (b). The Badanalla Irrigation Project report is still under preparation by the Government of Orissa. The delay is on account of the further field investigations required.

(c) No expenditure is anticipated during 1979-80.

Discussion between the Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa on Neredi Barrage on River Vansadhara

37. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Governments of Orissa and Andhra Pradesh discussed regarding the Neredi barrage on river Vansadhara before clearance of the project report;

(b) if so, subject of the discussion and decision thereof;

(c) is it a fact that due to that barrage, large number of villages and lands are likely to be submerged; and

(d) if so, the measures taken by both the Governments to protect them?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) and (b). In an inter-State meeting held on 15th December, 1978, the Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa discussed Neredi Irrigation Project on Vamsadhara river. In pursuance of this discussion, Andhra Pradesh Government forwarded the Neredi Project Report to the Government of Orissa in February, 1979. The Orissa Government communicated their observations on the Project report suggesting modifications. The modified Project Report duly accepted by both the Governments has not yet been received by the Government of India.