

under National Agriculture Extension Project—I.

(d) and (e). Fruit and Vegetable Project of NDDDB in Delhi is a pilot Project. It was set up to obtain practical experience in operating fruit and vegetable procurement, storage and marketing network. There is no need, therefore, to evaluate the Project.

India's Policy on US Base In Diego Garcia

925. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present policy of the Union Government towards the US base in Diego Garcia;

(b) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the reports of abuse of this base facility by the US during the recent Gulf War; and

(c) if so, details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) In keeping with our support to the U.N. Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace, 1971, we continue to oppose foreign military bases in the Indian Ocean.

(b) and (c). The Government has seen reports of Diego Garcia base being used for the conduct of the Gulf war. The Government's position on the US military base in Diego Garcia is well known.

Narmada Sagar and Sardar Sarovar Projects

926. SHRI UTTAM RATHOD:
SHRI ANAND SINGH:

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:
SHRI LOKANATH CH-
OUDHARY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a final decision has been taken regarding the execution of the Narmada Sagar and Sardar Sarovar Projects;

(b) if so, the time by which work on these projects is expected to start; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to resolve the objections raised by the environmentalists?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b). The Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal set up by the Government has already given the award and the Sardar Sarovar and Narmada Sagar Projects are being implemented accordingly. The work on the Sardar Sarovar Project has already commenced and about 12% progress has been achieved. In the case of Narmada Sagar Project, pre-construction works, like, diversion arrangements, construction of colonies, are in progress.

(c) Does not arise.

Postal Facility in Villages of Jamnagar District In Gujarat

928. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some villages of Jamnagar District of Gujarat are not having postal facilities;

(b) if so, the names of those villages;