

[English]

Jamrani Dam Project

1263. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cost of the Jamrani Dam Project and the expenditure incurred thereon so far;

(b) whether the construction of the Project has been stopped;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to resume the construction work on the Project; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The estimated cost of the Jamrani Dam Project of Uttar Pradesh is Rs. 144.84 crores at 1987 price level and an expenditure of Rs. 16.97 crores has been incurred on the project upto June, 1991.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The project is scheduled to spill over to IX Plan.

Applications for Telephone Connections in Rural Areas of Chandigarh

1264. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for telephone connections pending in rural areas of Chandigarh; and

(b) the time by which the applicants are likely to be provided with telephone connections?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Number of applications pending for telephone connections is 459.

(b) Progressively by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan.

[Translation]

Copper Deposits in Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh

1265. SHRI VISHWESHWAR BHAGAT: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are huge deposits of copper in Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up a Copper Smelting Plant in Balaghat;

(d) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) Based on exploration carried out so far at Malanjhand copper deposit in Balaghat District, Madhya Pradesh, the in-situ ore reserves estimated are of the order of 306 million tonnes of 1.12% copper.

(c) At present there is no proposal to set up a copper smelting plant in Balaghat.

(d) and (e) A feasibility study for optimal exploitation of Malanjhand Copper deposits is under progress which, inter-alia, also includes the question of setting up of a smelting plant.

Assistance to Farmers

1266. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA:

SHRI MAHESH KUMAR KANODIA:

SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(b) Progressively by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan.