

(c) The pending 27 schemes, which envisage electrification of some 1200 villages, are expected to be considered for sanction during the current financial year, keeping in view the availability of funds.

[English]

Irrigation Potential lying Unutilised

484. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether as such as five million hectares of irrigation potential is lying unutilised, as reported in the Economic Times issue dated July 5, 1985;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to utilised this resource; and

(c) whether Government will consider imposing penalties on potential users who refuse to utilise irrigation provided at their door steps ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) About 5 million ha. of irrigation potential is lying unutilised by the end of the Sixth Plan period and the following measures, among others, have been taken to remedy the situation;

- i) A Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development Programme has been taken up for an integrated development which includes construction of field channels and field drains, land levelling and land shaping, introduction of warabandi, promoting conjunctive use of surface and ground water, organising the supply of inputs and credit facilities, etc.
- (ii) Construction of water courses from 40 ha. block outlets to 5 to 8 ha. block outlets in on-going projects and inclusion of similar provision for completed projects in modernisation schemes.
- (iii) Modernisation of completed irrigation systems, as necessary, in a phased manner.

(c) Irrigation being a State subject, it is for the State Governments to consider the necessary steps in this regard.

[Translation]

Power Project along Chambal River

485. SHRI KAMMODILAL JATAV : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to construct any power project along the fast flowing Chambal river in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether Government propose to construct some Power Projects to ensure intensive development around Morena; and

(c) if so, by what time and what will be the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (c) At present 3 hydroelectric schemes namely Gandhi Sagar (5×23 MW); Rana Pratap Sagar (4×43MW) and Jawahar Sagar (3×33 MW) on the Chambal river are already under operation. In addition, a project proposal for Chambal Right Bank Main Canal (3+0.31 MW) in Merena District of Madhya Pradesh has recently been sanctioned by the Planning Commission. The construction period of the project is 3 years and on completion it will afford an annual energy generation of 5 Gwh.

[English]

Containerisation

48. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have finalised and implemented containerisation for ships after examining its full impact vis-a-vis work habits, work attitudes of our employees;

(b) whether this would improve our productivity in relation to the high costs involved;