

Government has declared the Secretaries Zila Sainik Boards drawing a pay of Rs. 1800 p. m. or above as Class I Officers. There are no Zila Sainik Boards in Sikkim and Tripura. The matter is under consideration of the remaining State Governments.

Raksha Mantri in his letter addressed to the Chief Ministers of States for implementing the recommendations of the High Level Committee on problems of Ex-servicemen, as well as in the Kendriya Sainik Board Meeting, has specifically emphasised on the States the need to revitalise the Sainik Board Organisations.

Dam at Saphala

4885. SHRI ANOOPCHAND SHAH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the project for Dam (water) at Saphala, near Kalwela in Palghar Taluka of Maharashtra has been stayed by Forest Department; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Percentage growth rate in the Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plan

4886. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of growth rate in the Sixth Plan period and likely growth rate during Seventh Plan, year-wise figures thereof;

(b) whether the growth rate of Seventh Plan is little higher than the Sixth Plan; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

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MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A.K. PANJA) : (a) As per the Quick estimates of the National Income and related aggregates for the financial year 1984-85, released by the Central Statistical Organisation, the average annual growth in real national income during the Sixth Five Year Plan period (1980-85) works out to 5.3 percent, as against the target of 5.2 percent. The annual growth rate of Gross National Product (GNP) at 1970-71 prices for various years of the Sixth Plan (1980-85) are as follows :

Year	Annual growth rate of GNP at 1970-71 prices
1980-81	7.5
1981-82	5.3
1982-83	2.6
1983-84	7.7
1984-85*	3.7

*Quick estimates of C.S.O.

The Seventh Plan (1985-90) aims at an average annual growth rate of 5.0 percent at 1984-85 prices.

(b) The targetted average annual growth rate of 5.0 percent in the Seventh Plan is slightly less than the average annual growth rate of 5.3 percent actually achieved in the Sixth Plan.

(c) This is due to the fact that for Sixth Plan, the national income in the base 1979-80 was well below normal whereas for the Seventh Plan the base 1984-85 is a normal year. If the base 1979-80 is adjusted by the trend value, the growth rate of Gross Domestic Product achieved during the Sixth Plan works out a little less than 5 percent per annum.

Shifting of Regional Centre of M.C.F.T.R.I. from Nagpur

4887. SHRI MUKUL WASNIK : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state ;