

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) to (e). A statement is given below.

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c). The possibility of export of applique work produced in Orissa was assessed in 1985 by the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi. The Institute has furnished a detailed report suggesting measures to be undertaken during the period 1985-90 for promotion of exports of these items in the World Market.

(d) The following steps are being taken to boost the export of applique :

- (1) The Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts has been set up to promote handicrafts including applique work in foreign markets.
- (2) Distinguished items of applique are being displayed on Boards rented out by the Trade Development Authority in their offices at New York (USA), Delhi, Calcutta and Bombay which are visited by foreign buyers.
- (3) The Orissa State Cooperative Handicrafts Corporation Ltd. participates in India International Trade Fairs held in New Delhi and has also established contacts with importers of items relating to applique work.

(e) Applique products are not separately codified in exports trade statistics and hence the figures for its exports are not available.

Irrigation potential of Orissa

11055. SHRI NITYANANDA MISHRA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the irrigation potential already available in Orissa is not being used due to lack of feeder channels ;

(b) whether the State Government has made any request to Union Government for assistance/loan for feeder channels ;

(c) if so, whether Union Government propose to provide soft loan/assistance to State Government for the purpose ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount released by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) There is lag between irrigation potential created and utilised. Till 1986-87, potential created in Orissa was 1569 thousand ha. and utilisation was 1524 thousand ha. in the major-medium sector. This lag is on account of several reasons, including inadequacy of field channels.

(b) to (d). Centrally sponsored command area development (CAD) programme covers provision of field channels. Irrigation projects of Hirakud, Salandi, Mahanadi delta and Potteru-Satigud have been included for assistance under the Centrally sponsored C.A.D. Programme, and a sum of Rs. 1885.09 lakhs has so far been released to the State of Orissa for execution of CAD Programme.

Assistance by Banks under Self Employment Programme

11056. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any mid-term appraisal of the performance of nationalised banks during the Seventh Five Year Plan in the implementation of 20-Point Programme and especially in the extension of credit under the various self employment and anti-poverty programmes has been undertaken by Government or the Planning Commission ;

(b) if so, the results thereof for each nationalised bank and whether efforts would be made that adequate credit is made available to those covered by these programmes during the second half of the plan ;

(c) if not, whether any evaluation of the performance of the nationalised banks would be undertaken by Government or the Reserve Bank of India during the remaining years of the Seventh Five Year Plan ; and

(d) if so, the likely date by which it would be done ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (d). The performance of the banks on the implementation of 20-Point Programme is continuously moni-

tored by Reserve Bank of India. The progress in implementation of the programme is also reviewed by the Boards of Directors of various banks periodically. The number of beneficiaries assisted and the amount outstanding under the 20-Point Programme has been steadily increasing. Details of credit assistance provided by the public sector banks in the implementation of the 20-Point Programme are indicated below :

Year ended	No. of Accounts (in lakhs)	Amount outstanding (Rs. in crores)
December, 1985	127.95	6684.19
December, 1986	151.73	7896.90
December, 1987	189.16	8599.85

As the Twenty Point Programme is multi-dimensional and the points are not mutually exclusive, bank-wise, targets for achievement have not been prescribed. Therefore, bank-wise assessment of performance in relation to set targets is not being done in respect of the 20-Point Programme.

Obligation of External Assistance

11057. SHRI SYED SHAHBUDDIN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the outstanding obligations on external assistance as on 1 April of 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988 in absolute terms and as percentage of the foreign exchange

reserves on the corresponding dates ; and

(b) the percentage that deposits by Non-Resident Indians form of the foreign exchange reserves on the above mentioned dates ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b). The position in regard to the external debt outstanding on Government Account, outstanding balances of deposits by Non-Resident Indians and the foreign exchange reserves as on 1st April of 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988 is indicated below :

		(Rs. Crores)			
		(As on 1st April)			
		1985	1986	1987	1988
		1	2	3	4
1.	Outstanding Debt Obligations	24004	26638	31312	36670 (Provisinal)
2.	Foreign exchange reserves	6817	7384	7645	7287