

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) 30

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

Improvement of North Buckingham Canal in Tamil Nadu

5009. SHRI R. DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on the scheme relating to improvement of North Buckingham Canal in Tamil Nadu has started;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when the scheme was sanctioned and the amount spent thereon so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The scheme relating to improvement of North Buckingham Canal in Tamil Nadu from Ennore to Chintamani lock chainage 16/0 km to 34.80 km. was sanctioned in May, 1987 as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme at a cost of Rs. 200.00 lakhs. The scheme is being implemented by the State Government and is scheduled to be completed by March, 1990. The scheme envisages clearing of light jungle, dredging, acquisition of floating excavator, lining of the canal sides, construction of wharf at Ennore, store, transit shed, office and approach road at Ennore South lock, construction of inlets, repairs to existing inlets/locks, construction foot-bridges and other sundry facilities. The expenditure incurred by the State Government on this scheme upto October, 1988

amounted to Rs. 35.00 lakhs.

Regional Sports Centres

5010. SHRI A. CHARLES: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of regional sports training centres being set up in the country;

(b) the locations identified for the purpose and the time by which these centres are expected to start functioning; and

(c) the number of coaches from abroad who are currently imparting training to our athletes in different centres in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). The following six Regional Centres of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) have already been set up in the country (with headquarters given in bracket) for effective implementation of sports development programmes launched by SAI/Central Govt. in coordination with Sports Administration of the concerned States/UTs:-

- i) Central Centre (At present Delhi)
- ii) Eastern Centre (Calcutta)
- iii) Northern Centre (At present Patiala)
- iv) North-East Centre (Imphal)
- v) Southern Centre (Bangalore)
- vi) Western Centre (Gandhinagar)