

crores, and it was found to be financially unremunerative. As such, there has been no proposal to take up conversion of this line.

### **Irrigation Potential from Lift Irrigation in Andhra Pradesh**

7424. SHRI V. TULSIRAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total lift irrigation potential in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the details of schemes exploited in the State as on 31 March, 1989;
- (c) the guidelines issued by Union Government to harness the remaining lift irrigation potential;
- (d) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has approached Union Government for financial help and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b). Against 42 lakhs ha. of ultimate minor irrigation potential including lift irrigation schemes in Andhra Pradesh irrigation potential of 27.07 lakhs ha. is likely to be created by March, 1989. Under Surface water minor lift irrigation schemes the irrigation potential created upto 1986-87 is 1.11 lakhs ha.

(c) to (e). Minor irrigation schemes are funded and implemented by the State Government from their own budgetary resources. These are not referred to Central Government for any section. However to accelerate the pace of development of minor irrigation, Central Government provides assistance to States including Andhra Pradesh through

Centrally Sponsored Schemes, like Small & Marginal Farmers Scheme, Special Foodgrain Production Programme, NREP, RLFGP.

[*Translation*]

### **Out Agency at Pauri and Srinagar**

7425. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railway out agencies in Pauri and Srinagar in Garhwal division of Uttar Pradesh have been closed;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government propose to reopen these agencies;
- (d) if so, when; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Cut agencies at Pauri and Srinagar in Garhwal were closed due to resignation of contractors.

(c) to (e). These out agencies could be opened as soon as suitable contractors are found to operate them on the standard terms and conditions.

[*English*]

### **Business by STC.**

7426. SHRI ATISH CHANDRA SINHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Trading Corporation (STC) has been losing substantial business abroad due to stiff competition from