

drawn up any flood control schemes for the Mahanadi delta areas in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any central assistance is provided for the implementation of these schemes; and

(d) the specific works undertaken under the schemes so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). Of the 7 schemes received at the Centre, 4 were returned to the State Government for non-compliance of the comments of the appraising agencies for a period more than one year. While 2 schemes, namely, 'Kuakhai Control Structure' and Gobkund Double Embankment for diversion of the Bhargavi river' have been taken up for appraisal, in respect of the seventh scheme, namely, 'Mahanadi Delta Development Plan', the State Government has not submitted all volumes of the report to enable appraisal.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

#### Short Term Credit to Punjab

3619. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds sanctioned to Punjab under short term credit have been showing downward trend over the past few years;

(b) if so, the reasons for the decrease in the allocation;

(c) whether Government of Punjab has requested the Union Government to increase

the allocation to Punjab; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent possible.

#### New Stations and Passenger Halts in Sambalpur division

3620. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct some new stations and passenger halts under the Sambalpur Railway Division of South Eastern Railway;

(b) whether it was proposed to set up two stations or passenger halts between Dhutra and Bagdih in that division;

(c) whether Government have examined the proposals; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). There is only one proposal for opening a passenger halt named Panpalli between Dhutra and Bagdih Stations under Chakradharpur Division of South Eastern Railway.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) This Passenger Halt has been sanctioned and will be opened after completion of necessary formalities.