

(घ) संभावना है कि यह परियोजना निर्माण कार्य शुरू होने के पश्चात लगभग 8-9 वर्षों में पूरी हो जाएगी।

National Service Volunteer Scheme

164. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the "National Service Volunteer Scheme" has been started this year as an extension of the National Service Scheme;

(b) if so, broad features of the scheme and the amount allocated for this scheme; and

(c) the States in which this scheme has been introduced?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). National Service Volunteer Scheme launched from 1977-78 aims at providing opportunities to youth who have completed their first degree, to involve themselves on a voluntary basis in nation-building activities for a specific period on a whole-time basis. To begin with, the NS volunteers will be engaged in promotion of programmes of adult education/non-formal education through Nehru Yuvak Kendras and voluntary agencies for a minimum period of one year. The volunteers would be suitably trained before they start work in the field. Each volunteer will be paid a stipend of Rs. 175/-per month plus expenditure involved on travel and contingencies. For the year 1977-78, a budget provision of Rs. 7.5 lakhs has been made for the scheme. The scheme has been introduced in all the States.

T.M.S.S.M. Library

165. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations made by the Committee set up to assess the financial requirements of T.M.S.S.M. Library, Thanjavur during the Fifth Plan period; and

(b) the action initiated by the Government of India for implementing those recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) and (b). The Visiting Committee set up by the Government of India to assess the financial requirements of the T.M.S.S.M. Library, Thanjavur has not as yet finalised its report. Government will consider the Committee's recommendations after the report has been submitted to it.

Report on Pilot Intensive Rural Employment Project

166. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received the Report of the Review Committee on Pilot Intensive Rural Employment Project (P.I.R.E.P.) headed by Shri M. L. Dantwala; and

(b) if so, whether the Government have decided to implement the said report and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Report is under examination and for this purpose an Empowered Committee has been constituted in