

into a fulfilled independent one; and if so, when?

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI):** (a) It is true that there is only an auxiliary centre at Tirunelveli,

(b) A scheme for converting the auxiliary centre at Tirunelveli into a full-fledged programme originating station had been included in the Draft Fifth Plan but was not approved by the Planning Commission due to paucity of funds. It has been revived in the Draft Rolling Plan 1978-83, but its implementation will depend upon the approval of the Planning Commission. The possibility of financing the scheme from the non-lapsable fund created out of the revenues of the Commercial Broadcasting Service is also being explored.

#### **Outlays for Agriculture and Allied Sectors in Fifth Plan**

**1941. SHRI YASHWANT BOROLE:** Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether outlays for agriculture and allied sectors have been doubled in the fifth year of the Fifth Plan;

(b) if so, whether States have been duly consulted in the matter; and

(c) whether any assessment of the financial constraints has also been made vis-a-vis the contribution of the concerned States?

**THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI):** (a) The Fifth Five Year Plan will come to an end this year and a new plan will be initiated from April, 1978. The outlay on Agriculture and allied sectors in the Annual Plan for 1978-79 is at present under consideration.

(b) and (c). Discussions are in progress with the States to assess their resources for the 1978-79 Plan. Further

consultations with them will be undertaken in December, 1977 and January, 1978 to determine sectoral outlays and the size of each State Plan.

#### **Burning of Coal Stack in Collieries in Talcher Region**

**1942. SHRI PABITRA MOHAN PRADHAN:** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that for the last so many years the raised coal-stacks (heaps) belonging to previous N.C.D.C. and the present CCL in the Deulbera Colliery Nandira Colliery and Jagannath Colliery are continuously burning in the Talcher region; and

(b) if so, the year or years from which the same is burning, the cause of burning, the quantity of coal burnt, the money-value of the coal burnt, the efforts made to extinguish the fire, and whether burning is still continuing?

**THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN):** (a) No, Sir. The coal stacks at Deulbera and Nandira collieries in Talcher region are not burning. However, a part of the coal stacks at Jagannath colliery is under spontaneous heating.

(b) Steps are being taken to recover unaffected coal. The information in respect of the quantity of coal burnt, the money value of coal burnt, the efforts made to extinguish the fire, is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Staff Attached to Former Ministers**

**1943. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply given to Unstarred Question No. 6021 on 3rd August, 1977 and state:

(a) whether the required information has since been collected; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?