

in regard to the correctness or otherwise of the alleged basically wrong solution of mathematical problems; and

(c) what action the U.G.C. have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The U.G.C. is still awaiting complete details from the University. In the meanwhile, the matter was considered by the Commission's Panel on Mathematics in April, 1978. The panel was of the view that it should not deal with such individual complaints which should be the responsibility of the University concerned. However, the matter is again being referred to the Panel when it meets next, as a policy issue.

World Banks Aid for Water Supply Scheme

49. **SHRI CHITTA BOSU:** Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 3532 regarding Drilling Water Supply Sewerage Scheme in Punjab with World Bank Assistance on the 20th March, 1978 and state:

(a) whether the negotiations with the World Bank in regard to the proposal of financing of water supply and sewerage schemes for Punjab by the World Bank. have since been concluded; and

(b) if so, the full facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) Yes Sir, the negotiations have been completed.

(b) The Project is estimated to cost Rs. 66.70 crores (\$ 78.5 million) and was negotiated for IDA Credit of \$38 million. The Project involves financing by Life Insurance Corporation also to the extent of Rs. 13 crores. The Project is to cover the urban areas, Jullundur, Amritsar, Ludhiana, Moga, Patiala, Rajpura, Bhatinda and Pathankot, in the State. The project is expected to be taken up during the current financial year and is likely to be completed in 4 years. It will be executed by the Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board of the State Government.

Palm Cultivation

50. **SHRI D. D. DESAI:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to promote the cultivation of palm trees for palm oil extraction throughout the country;

(b) if so, whether it has received palm tree nurseries from Malaysia; and

(c) if so, details of areas selected for palm cultivation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) The Government of India are already promoting cultivation of Red Oil Palm for palm oil extraction, in areas suitable for the crop, in the country.

(b) The Government of Malaysia have offered to supply 50,000 oil palm seedlings and steps are being taken to import the same.

(c) In Anchal range of Quilon district of Kerala State, 2800 hectares had been selected for raising oil palm plantation and plantings are already