

the existence of the TDA and the very useful work it is doing for their betterment. The tribals have revealed a remarkable tendency to accept the modern packages suggested by the TDA for their improvement, provided they are convinced of their economic benefits.

5. So far as the economic impact is concerned the picture is not uniform and varies from scheme to scheme. The economic impact on individual tribals was not impressive in the case of land reclamation scheme and the same is true to certain extent in the case of dugwell scheme. The benefit was considerable with respect to Lift Irrigation Scheme and Land Improvement Scheme. Goat rearing scheme helped the tribals in a big way.

Tribal Development Agency, Ganjam

1. The TDA has achieved some measure of success in coordinating the activities of various Departments but much needed staff support has not come from the lift Irrigation Corporation. There is also need for co-ordination at the block level.

2. State Departments and Panchayat Samitis did not reduce their commitment to tribal development after launching of the TDA.

3. By and large, there has been very little percolation of benefits to non-targetted groups.

4. By and large, the TDA has been able to create considerable awareness among the tribals in the project area about the existence of TDA and the useful work it is doing for their economic improvement. They have exhibited a remarkable zeal to adopt the modern innovations suggested by the TDA for their economic betterment wherever they are convinced of the benefits.

6. With regard to the economic impact of the TDA programmes on tribal beneficiaries, the picture varies

from scheme to scheme. So far as irrigation schemes are concerned, the impact is quite visible and significant. There has been a remarkable transformation from dry cultivation to wet cultivation, manifested by a shift in cropping pattern, levels of technology from traditional to modern like HYV seed, fertiliser and pesticides. By and large, irrigation improved farm economy to an appreciable extent.

डी० ई० टी/एस० डी० ओ० यू० पी० सर्कल,
लखनऊ के विद्युत् जांच

9031. श्री फिरगी प्रसाद : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) यू० पी० सर्कल लखनऊ में उन डी०ई०टी०/एस०डी०ओ० (टेलीफोन एंड टेलीग्राफ) की संख्या कितनी है जिनके विद्युत् इन समय सतर्कता संबंधी जांच चल रही है ;

(ख) इस कार्य में अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है ; और

(ग) इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री नरहरि प्रसाद मुखर्जी साह) : (क) (i) मडन इंजीनियर—1, (ii) उप मडन अधिकारी (टेलीफोन तथा तार)—४;

(ख) और (ग). मडन इंजीनियर के खिलाफ जांच पूरी हो गई है और परामर्श के लिए मामले को केन्द्रीय सतर्कता आयोग को भेजा जा रहा है। उप मडन अधिकारियों (टेलीफोन तथा तार) के खिलाफ जांच प्रगति पर है और परामर्श के लिए उनके मामले भी इसी प्रकार केन्द्रीय सतर्कता आयोग को भेजे जाएंगे।

Alleged Embezzlement of funds in purchase of Woollen Jerseys by J.N. University

9032. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any complaints in regard to

the embezzlement of funds in the purchase of woollen jerseys in the Jawaharlal Nehru University;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(c) whether the Government propose to entrust the investigations in the matter to the Central Bureau of Investigation?

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

(b) It has been alleged that the actual cost of the jerseys was less than the amount charged from the University. The University has instituted an enquiry into the matter.

(c) No. Sir.

Area Reserved for Tiger Project in Sunderban

9033. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR DHARA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the area of reserved forest in Sunderban in West Bengal, exclusively kept under Tiger Project;

(b) the name of that area and whether the same includes "Marich Jhapi"; and

(c) the area of land occupied by the Dandakaranya Refugees in "Marich Jhapi"?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) The area of reserved forest in Sunderban in West Bengal under Tiger Project comprises about 25.85 square kilometres.

(b) Sunderbans Tiger Project area comprises of forest blocks named below:—

1. Mayadwip
2. Chhotahardi

3. Goshaba
4. Gona
5. Baghmara
6. Matla
7. Chamta
8. Chandkhali
9. Netidhopani
10. Harinbhanga
11. Panchamukhani
12. Pirkhali
13. Khatuajhuri
14. Arbesi.
15. Jhilla.

"Marich Jhapi" falls in Forest Block Jhilla of the Tiger Reserve.

(c) The exact area occupied by Dandakaranya deserters cannot be precisely stated. However the refugees are, at present, illegally squatting in Block Jhilla compartment I, the area of which is approximately 3655 acres

Central Aid for Development of Fishery

9034. SHRI LALJI BHAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state the details of different types of Central assistance given to the States for the development of fisheries in various parts of the country during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): Besides the block assistance given to States for their Plans, Central assistance will also be given to the States in the current year under Central and Centrally Sponsored Schemes for Fish Farmers Development Agencies and Landing and Berthing facilities at Minor Ports in addition, Central assistance will be available for development of fisheries under Drought Prone Areas and other Integrated Rural Development Programmes as well as Hill Area and Tribal