

As regards minor irrigation projects, they are dealt with by the concerned State Governments. The information being voluminous, the time and labour involved in collection thereof, will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(b) Work on the above first three projects is in progress. The Project report of Sardar Sarovar project has been received in the Central Water Commission in February, 1980 and is under examination. As per draft annual plan 1980-81 of Government of Gujarat preliminary works such as diversion channel and coffer dam were taken up in 1978-79 and completed during 1979-80. The works of excavation of main dam have also been started during 1979-80. An expenditure of Rs. 1301.0 lakhs has been incurred upto 1978-79 and the anticipated expenditure during 1979-80 is Rs. 1500 lakhs.

The Project Report of Orsang (Vadodra) project is yet to be cleared by the Planning Commission.

#### Kameng Hydel Project in Arunachal Pradesh

1574. SHRI P. K. THUNGON: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the investigation work of Kameng Hydel Project in Arunachal Pradesh has been getting less priority though it has been in the investigation stage for the last 14 years; and

(b) whether he is aware that there is shortage of power in North-Eastern region, if so (i) whether Kameng Hydel Project is going to be given priority; (ii) whether Government have fixed any target date for completion of this project ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY):

(a) and (b). The investigations of Kameng Hydel Project in Arunachal Pradesh were started in 1968 by the erstwhile Central Water & Power Commission (now C. W. C.) and a feasibility report was prepared in July, 1974. Subsequently, an Expert Committee was set up by the Planning Commission, which suggested additional sub-surface geological investigation and surveys to finalise the project features of Kameng Hydel Project. Accordingly, residual investigations were started

by the Central Water Commission during April 1976 on behalf of North-Eastern Council and are in progress.

The progress of investigations has been reviewed by the Standing Committee set up to guide and coordinate the investigations of Kameng Hydel Project and according to the existing programme the field investigations and preparation of feasibility report are expected to be completed by 1981.

#### भाषा समाचार एजेंसियों को प्रोत्साहन

1575. श्री बृज चन्द ठापा: क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भाषा समाचार एजेंसियों को प्रोत्साहन देने के लिए सरकार द्वारा प्रस्तावित योजना की रूपरेखा क्या है ; और

(ख) यदि अभी तक कोई प्रस्ताव तैयार नहीं किया गया है तो यह काम कब तक किया जायेगा ?

सूचना और प्रसारण तथा पूर्ति और पुनर्वास मंत्री (श्री बसन्त साठे) : (क) सरकार द्वारा ऐसी कोई योजना तैयार नहीं की गयी है और न ही तैयार करने का विचार है ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

#### Utilisation of West Flowing Rivers in Tamil Nadu and Kerala

1576. SHRI, K. T. KOSALRAM : Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the technical team constituted for the purpose of studying the utilisation of west-flowing rivers in Tamil Nadu and Kerala has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the principal recommendations of this report; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken to implement them ?