

there was no allotment in 1978-79. The allotment for 1979-80 could only be released in the last quarter and benefits would accrue only during the current year.

World Bank loan for development of irrigation facilities for Small and Marginal farmers of Bihar

5013. SHRI N. E. HORO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the world bank has given any loan for the development of irrigation facilities for small and marginal farmers of Bihar;

(b) if so, the amount given and what are the schemes sanctioned; and

(c) the progress of the work so far done under the said schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) to (c). There is no exclusive IDA/World Bank assisted project for the development of irrigation facilities of small and marginal farmers of Bihar. However, under the Bihar Agricultural Credit Project and the ARDC general line of credit projects IDA assistance was available for development of irrigation facilities including that of small and marginal farmers in Bihar. The Bihar agricultural project which was started in Feb. '74 was completed in March 1980. The details of the minor irrigation schemes executed under the project are as follows:—

	Original Area	Extended Area	Total
1. Tubewells	3683	428	4111
2. Tubewells with pump sets	43759	10468	54227
3. Bamboo Boring	720	1162	1882
4. Hand Tube wells	458	..	458
5. Pump sets only	19755	23857	43592
6. Digwells	324	324

Under the A.R.D.C. general line of credit projects which includes minor irrigation development, 50 per cent of the disbursements are to be for small farmers. The ARDC-II credit project was completed in December 1979 and the Third credit project has come into operation from January 1980.

Television Sets in Delhi School

5014. SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA:

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per study by NCERT, educational televi-

sion in Delhi not proved either as feasible or as far-reaching as its planners intended;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the schools were never supplied T.Vs., and if so details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that in a majority of schools the set were never switched on for the relevant programmes for a variety of reasons; and if so details of such schools;

(d) who is responsible for this; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) The NCERT study was about utilization of educational television and not about feasibility of TV as a useful tool for education.

(b) The Delhi Administration have reported that out of 1003 schools, depending on the infrastructure such as pucca buildings, power availability and availability of resources 550 schools have been supplied with T.V. sets.

(c) and (d). The study was restricted to 173 schools only out of these 38.2 per cent schools utilized the television programmes. The remaining schools could not utilize the programmes for a number of reasons like T.V. sets out of order (25.2 per cent), problems regarding electric supply (14.9 per cent), other activities in schools (15.9 per cent), schools closed for special reasons (2.8 per cent), inadequate space for T.V. viewing (11.2 per cent), T.V. set custodian not available (8.4 per cent), lack of interest (4.7 per cent), no provision of T.V. period (7.5 per cent), and miscellaneous (5.5 per cent).

(e) The findings of the study have been forwarded to Delhi Administration for examination and remedial action

Postal stamp in memory of Shivaji Maharaj

5015. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received in March and April, 1980 any appeal from Wai District Satara (Maharashtra) requesting Government to issue a permanent postal stamp in honour and in memory of Shivaji Maharaj, the great;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reason thereof and when the action will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A commemorative stamp on Chhatrapati Shri Shivaji Maharaj was issued on 21st April, 1980. As a matter of general policy, Definitive Stamps depicting personalities, with the rare exception of Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Nehru, are not issued.

News item captioned "Demand for Government Support" Sindhi Cultural Revival

5016. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item appearing in Sunday Standard Bombay dated 8th June, 1980 under caption 'Demand for Govt. support' Sindhi Cultural Revival;

(b) whether Government have received any charter of demands from Akhil Bharatiya Sindhi Boli and Sahitya Sabha;

(c) if so, what are their demands; and

(d) what action Government have taken or propose to take regarding each of their demands?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a): An Article headlined "Demand for Govt. Support for Sindhi cultural Revival" has appeared in Sunday Standard Bombay on 8th June, 1980.

(b): Yes Sir.

(c): The Charter covers a wide range of educational and cultural demands. Most of the demands concern the State Governments. The demands which concern the Government of India relate to promotion of Sindhi language and literature.