

(c) whether the Central Under Ground Water Board propose to open a full fledged regional office in the State for conducting a survey on war footing to find out the underground water availability in the drought prone areas there and if so, by what time and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) As and when a State Government is affected by drought which cannot be met out of its margin money, it approaches the Government of India for Central assistance which is sanctioned in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Seventh Finance Commission.

During 1979-80 and 1980-81 (pre-Kharif season) the State Government of Orissa had approached the Government of India for assistance for drought relief and they were sanctioned a ceiling of expenditure of Rs. 14.05 crores for 1979-80 and Rs. 17.39 crores for 1980-81.

(b) The tentative estimates made by the Central Ground Water Board on the basis of the work done so far indicate that the State of Orissa has 13,300 million Cubic Meters of replenishable ground water potential. Of this, 439 million Cubic Metres has so far been developed leaving a balance of 12,861 million Cubic Metres still available for further development. Under its Regional Hydrogeological surveys, the Board had, upto March, 1980, covered an area of 95,822 sq. km. out of the total area of 1,55,782 sq. km. of the State.

(c) The Central Ground Water Board proposes to open more regional offices in various parts of the country for accelerating the pace of ground water development. During the Sixth Five Year Plan, there is a proposal to open 7 new Regional Offices. The location of the Headquarters of these offices will be decided after finalisation of the case of their establishment. The decision re-

garding location would depend upon the ground water needs of the State and administrative homogeneity of the area.

Fishing Harbour Project in Goa

1799. SHRIMATI SANYOGITA RANE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centrally sponsored fishing harbour project in Goa had been kept in abeyance; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reason was that the Government of Goa had not confirmed suitability of the location for the proposed fishing harbour at Karanjalem; however the confirmation has been received recently.

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1800. श्री दया राम शाक्य : क्या शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

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(ख) यदि हां, तो इन कामों के लिए अध्यापकों को कितना-कितना समय देना पड़ता है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि उक्त अवधि में विद्यालयों में अध्यापन कार्य ठप्प