

(c) whether Brutang Irrigation Project in Orissa has received the attention of the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c). As flood control and irrigation are State subjects, there is no proposal of the Central Government to take up Manibhadra and Tikkarpada Projects in Orissa. The Government of Orissa has reported that a proposal to provide irrigation to 3.57 lakh acres by Manibhadra Lift Scheme is under investigation by the State Government, and an outline plan for utilisation of water resources of Mahanadi basin is under preparation. The State Government has also undertaken surveys for the Brutang Irrigation Project, but no Project Report for this has been received by the Central Government as yet.

Fall in Production of Life-Saving Drugs

241. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of life-saving drugs has fallen considerably during the current year 1980;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to meet the requirements during the current year and the measures to be taken to meet the long-term demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). There has been some shortfall in the production of certain life-saving bulk drugs during the current year (April—September 1980) as compared to the corresponding period last year. The shortfall in production is reportedly due to a number of reasons, such as, water

and power problems, labour unrest, limited availability/non-availability of some raw materials (like Ethyl Acetate, Calcium Chloride, Benzene etc.) and of packing raw materials, equipment breakdown in some units, escalations in the cost of inputs etc.

Government monitor the production of life-saving bulk drugs. In specific cases of constraints in production brought to its notice, Government take remedial measures to the extent possible, as for instance (i) in respect of non-availability of packing materials, Government reduced Customs duty on the import of aluminium foil and allowed its liberal imports by including it under OGL; (ii) Government arranged needed imports of canalised bulk drugs to supplement indigenous production; (iii) a more liberal Policy of distribution of canalised drug items has been put into effect; (iv) applications for industrial licence/registration letters are cleared on expeditious basis and (v) Government have decided the procedure to be followed for giving price adjustments for bulk drugs and have already revised the price of some essential bulk drugs based on the reports of the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices which take into account the escalation in the cost of inputs due to the hike in petroleum prices in 1979.

Producers in All India Radio

242. SHRI T. S. NEGI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 5071 on the 22nd July, 1980 regarding proposal for gradation of Producers of All India Radio and state:

(a) how many Producers have been appointed for Garahwali and Kuma-yuni Programmes at Najibabad and Lucknow Stations of AIR;

(b) what is the total strength of the Producers in All India Radio and how many persons have been given selection grade so far;

(c) what are the promotional avenues of this category and any senior grade is under consideration for them; and

(d) whether Government proposes to appoint senior Producers for dialects, i.e., for Garahwali and Kumayuni?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUD-BEN M. JOSHI): (a) One Producer has been appointed for Garahwali and Kumayuni programmes at All India Radio, Najibabad. No Producer has, however, been appointed for these programmes at All India Radio, Lucknow.

(b) The total strength of Producers in the All India Radio as on 1-4-1980, is 215. Twenty-seven Producers have so far been given the selection grade.

(c) The Producers are eligible for being considered for promotion as Deputy Chief Producers in accordance with the Prescribed Recruitment Rules. The Government had appointed a Cadre Review Committee in 1977 to study the cadre structure of programme services of All India Radio. The Committee has, *inter alia*, recommended the creation of a new cadre of Senior Producers. The report submitted by this Committee is under consideration.

(d) No, Sir.

पटना में दूरदर्शन केन्द्र

243. श्री आर० एल० पी० वर्मा :

श्रीमती कृष्णा साहो :

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या छठी पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान बिहार राज्य की राजधानी पटना, औद्योगिक शहर रांची और घनबाद/बोकारो में दूरदर्शन केन्द्र कब तक खोले जायेंगे ; और

(ख) क्या दूरदर्शन केन्द्रों को स्थापित किये जाने के मामले में बिहार को पीछे रखा जा रहा है और यदि नहीं, तो पटना और रांची में दूरदर्शन केन्द्र कब तक खोले जायेंगे ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (कुमारी कुमुदबेन एम० जोशी) :

(क) और (ख) . बिहार में मुजफ्फरपुर में एक दूरदर्शन प्रेषण केन्द्र पहले ही कार्य कर रहा है। पटना में पूर्णरूपेण दूरदर्शन केन्द्र स्थापित करने के प्रस्ताव को छठी "योजना" (1980-85) के प्रस्तावों में शामिल किया गया है। तथापि, इस स्कीम का कार्यान्वयन "योजना" की स्वीकृति, संसाधनों की उपलब्धता और सापेक्ष प्राथमिकताओं पर निर्भर करेगा। इसके अतिरिक्त, बिहार के कुछ क्षेत्र को "इनसेट" के माध्यम से कवर करने का भी प्रस्ताव है। इसको अभी अन्तिम रूप दिया जाना है। संसाधनों की कमी के कारण छठी "योजना" के दौरान रांची घनबाद/बोकारो में दूरदर्शन केन्द्र स्थापित करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

बिजली की कटौती का कृषि, उद्योग तथा अन्य सार्वजनिक सुविधाओं पर भाव

244. श्री दौला राम सारण : क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राज्य-वार बिजली की कितनी मात्रा की कटौती की जा रही है और किस-किस तारीख से ;

(ख) बिजली की कटौती का कृषि उद्योग तथा अन्य सार्वजनिक सुविधाओं पर कितना प्रभाव पड़ेगा ;

(ग) बिजली की कटौती के क्या कारण हैं और उसको रोकने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ;

(घ) क्या किसी वैकल्पिक योजना पर विचार किया जा रहा है ; और