

Construction Work of Ozarkhed Dam

6433. SHRI Z. M. KHANDOLE: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India are aware of the fact that the construction works of the Ozarkhed Dam in Dindori Taluka of Nasik District (Maharashtra) has been slowed down due to paucity of funds although the project is in tribal area and is also going to benefit mostly the S. T. Agriculturists; and

(b) if so, whether the Government of India have any plan to help the Government of Maharashtra so that this Dam is completed and its benefits made available to the tribals at an early date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) It has been reported by Maharashtra Government that the work of Ozarkhed Dam was delayed partly on account of the increase in the scope of work and partly due to slow progress of work by the Contractor. The State Government is now executing the work departmentally, and expect to complete the balance works by June, 1982. The State Government have no sought any assistance from the Centre.

Study of National Rural Employment Programme in Tamil Nadu

6434. SHRI D. S. A. SIVAPRAKASHAM: Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Programme Evaluation Organisation of the Planning Commission has investigated the working of 'Food for Work Programme' in Tamil Nadu after submitting the interim report;

(c) if not, whether the Commission the organisation; and

(c) if not, whether the Commission would take steps to investigate the

working of the programme in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BALESHWAR RAM): (a) and (b) Tamil Nadu was not amongst the ten States covered by the Evaluation Study of 'Food for Work' Programme. Hence, Programme Evaluation Organisation of the Planning Commission has recorded no findings in respect of the programme in this State.

(c) There is for the present no proposal to evaluate the performance of the programme in Tamil Nadu.

P. C. O's and C.O's

6435. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the category stations for the provision of (i) PCO's (ii) COs recognised by the Government on a priority basis;

(b) whether the list would be revised to include the term group of villages within a radius of 3 Kms' in hilly areas, as have a population of 3,000 or above, in view of the scattered populations and different geographical terrain in these areas; and

(c) if so, the likely date by which a decision would be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) The list of category stations is given below:—

1. District Headquarters.
2. Sub-Divisional headquarters.
3. Tehsil headquarters.
4. Sub-Tehsil headquarters.
5. Block headquarters.
6. Places with a population of 500 or more in ordinary areas and