

develop Inland Waterways from Poovar in Trivandrum District to Hoxdrug in Cannanore District; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):

(a) and (b). No scheme for development of inland waterway from Poovar in Trivandrum District to Hoxdurg in Cannanore District, which is known as West Coast Canal, has been submitted by the Government of Kerala. However, development of stretches of this canal such as Muhe-Badagara- Nendakara- Charizekhal, vandrum Shertalay have been sanctioned as Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the past plan periods. A scheme for improvement of the canal between Quilon and Cochin was received from the Government of Kerala for being included in the Sixth Plan as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. It has, however not been possible to include this scheme due to reduced provision allocated for I.W.T.

Talks held with West German Leaders About North South Dialogue

7729. **SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of West Germany, the question of pursuing the Mexican summit proposal for a fresh initiative on the North-South dialogue was discussed;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the latest prospects for the North-South Summit?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c). The Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of the

Federal Republic of Germany had accompanied the President of the Federal Republic of Germany at the time of the latter's State visit of India from 4 to 9th March, 1981. The subject of North-South dialogue and the need for breaking the current impasse and for this purpose the undertaking of fresh initiative figured during discussions with him. There was also an exchange of views on the proposal for convening an International Meeting on Cooperation and Development at the level of Heads of States/Governments known as the Restricted Mexico Summit. This question was also discussed during the second Vienna Consultations on the subject on 13th March 1981. The Foreign Ministers of India and of F.R.G. had participated in these consultations together with other 9 Foreign Ministers. As a result of these consultations, it has been decided to hold the Summit meeting on October 22 and 23, 1981 preceded by a preparatory meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the participating countries in August 1981 in Mexico

Areas without voluntary/Government Organisation for Treatment of Lepers

7730. **SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified areas/regions where there are no voluntary or Government Organisations to render treatment to lepers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) Yes.

(b) A statement indicating the population likely to be covered in the endemic areas in each State during the Sixth Five Year Plan period is attached.