

P.M.'s advice to people of Rajasthan to work for Rajasthan Canal .

889. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:
SHRI SURYA NARAYN
SINGH:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during her visit to the drought affected areas of Rajasthan, the Prime Minister is reported to have advised the affected people to go to Rajasthan canal and do some work there;

(b) if so, whether this message of the Prime Minister has been conveyed to all the affected areas of Rajasthan and facilities created so that the poor people can at least go to canal headworks;

(c) whether the canal authorities have been apprised of the PM's desire and if so, whether each and every drought affected people will be given a job as he reaches there; and

(d) whether Government are aware that due to shortage of coal and cement the canal work has come to a halt if so, in what way the canal authorities will fulfil the PM's assurance to the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION
(SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes,
Sir,

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. As reported by the Rajasthan Government, all the labour from drought affected areas coming to the Rajasthan Canal Project would be provided employment and arrangements made for shelter and supply of drinking water. Besides this, wheat, edible oil, milk powder and dals will be made available at subsidised rates.

(d) There are a country-wide shortage of coal and cement. However the Government of Rajasthan, which is executing the Rajasthan Canal Project, has reported that the labour from the drought affected areas would be used for earthwork. As such, no difficulty is anticipated in providing employment to them. The Central Government is also assisting the State Government in arranging for adequate supplies of cement and coal for the project.

Shortage of Sanskrit Books

890. SHRI UTTAM RATHOD: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Council of Educational Research and Training produces books for Central Schools;

(b) whether there is acute shortage of Sanskrit books; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION
AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S.
B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such shortage has come to notice.

(c) Does not arise.

डाक तार विभाग में अग्रंग व्यक्तियों
के लिए आरक्षण

891. श्री राम प्यारे पनिया : क्या
संचार मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या डाक-तार विभाग ने अपनी
विशेष सेवा में अग्रंग व्यक्तियों के लिए
आरक्षण का निर्णय किया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसकी प्रतिशतता
क्या है ; और कब से है ?