

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

889. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:  
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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 ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कार्तिक उरांव) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) 1 जनवरी, 1978 से 2 प्रतिशत नौकरियां अपंग व्यक्तियों के लिए प्रारंभित की गई थीं। 8 अक्टूबर, 1980 से इसको बढ़ाकर 3 प्रतिशत कर दिया गया है।

#### P.C.Os. and Telephone Exchange in Orissa

892. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1980 on the 1st December, 1980 regarding tele-commu-

nication facilities in backward areas of Orissa and state:

(a) the names of the 54 Public Call Offices and 4 telephone exchanges to be installed;

(b) whether the aforesaid Public Call Offices and telephone exchanges have since been commissioned now; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) to (c). The names of the Telephone Exchanges and Public Call Offices including those commissioned are given in the statement. The other exchanges/Public Call Offices could not so far be opened due to shortage of stores.

#### Statement

*Names of places where Telephone Exchanges and Public Call Offices are proposed to be opened in Backward areas of Orissa*

TELEPHONE EXCHANGES (Total number subsequently increased from four to five.)

Sl. No.	New Exchange Opened	District	Remarks
1.	BOIPARIGUDA . . . . .	KORAPUT	OPENED
2.	TENSA . . . . .	SUNDERGARH	} Expected to be opened by 31-3-1981
3.	KHAIRA . . . . .	BALASORE	
4.	DHAMNAGAR . . . . .	BALASORE	
5.	DHANUR JOYPUR . . . . .	KEONJHAR	

#### PUBLIC CALL OFFICES

Sl. No.	Place	District	Remarks
1.	Aruabad . . . . .	Balasure	
2.	Kumbharia . . . . .	"	
3.	Srirampur Road . . . . .	"	
4.	Tillo . . . . .	"	
5.	Parhaun . . . . .	"	
6.	Berhampur . . . . .	"	
7.	Mitrapur . . . . .	"	Opened