

Proposals have been finalised to provide electronic telex exchanges at the four metropolitan cities at Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras. There is no proposal at present to provide electronic telex exchanges throughout the country.

(b) Does not arise at this stage.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Irrigation Projects of Orissa to be taken up during Sixth Plan Period

4692. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN;
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MISHRA:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the major and multipurpose projects of Orissa cleared for execution and proposed to be taken up by Centre during the Sixth Plan period;

(b) the total estimated cost of each of those projects; and

(c) when they are going to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c) Irrigation is a State subject and the Irrigation Projects are formulated and executed by the State Governments. Funds for execution of Irrigation Projects are provided by the State Governments within the framework of their overall development plans. Central assistance to State plans is given in the form of block loans/grants which is not related to any individual sector of development or project.

However, the Government of Orissa in their Sixth Plan have proposed to

take up 14 new major irrigation projects. The names and estimated costs of these projects are as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Estimated Cost
1.	Ong stage II	3000.00
2.	Indra Dam	3000.00
3.	Samakoi	1876.00
4.	Subranarekha	10000.00
5.	Lower Indravati	10000.00
6.	Kanpur	3800.00
7.	Ib	13000.00
8.	Mahanadi Chitropola Irrigation Project	2000.00
9.	Lower Jonk	7000.00
10.	Tal High Level Canal	50000.00
11.	Hirakud Lift	15000.00
12.	Extension of Hirakud left canal	7000.00
13.	Addl Spillway of Hirakud Dam	2000.00
14.	Rushkulya Dam	3000.00

These projects are proposed to be taken up during the Sixth Plan period.

Revision of Pay Scale of Forest Protection Force in Andaman

4693. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for upward revision of scale of pay for the Forest Protection Force of the Andaman and Nicobar Administration has been received from the Chief Conservator of Forests, Andaman and Nicobar Administration;

(b) if so, what action has been taken or proposed to be taken to settle the matter; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken by Government to settle the matter?