

(SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The FAO/SIDA assisted Bay of Bengal Programme, Madras sponsored a 3-Member TCDC (Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries) Mission from Indonesia to Andhra Pradesh to advise on the general Development of Coastal aquaculture in the State. The Mission visited suitable Brackish water areas in Andhra Pradesh mostly during February, 1981. The Mission has given its technical advice to the counterpart staff of the State Government.

Mohane Reservoir Scheme

5600. SHRI RAMSWAROOP RAM: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mohane Reservoir Scheme has been received by Government;

(b) if so, what is the stage of progress in the work; and

(c) how soon it is going to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c) The Mohane Reservoir-cum-Barrage Scheme submitted by Bihar Government has been technically examined in the Central Water Commission and comments sent to the State Government in August, 1976, June, 1977 and November, 1977. The State Government have intimated that the modified report will be submitted by June, 1981.

International Arts and Cultural Institute

5601. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to develop the Kerala Kalamandalam as an International Arts

and Cultural Institute for propagating the arts like Kathakali, Mohiniyattam etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

डाक व तार कर्मचारियों के विकलांग बच्चों को छात्रवृत्तियां

5602. श्री राम प्यारे पनिका: क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या डाक व तार कर्मचारियों के विकलांग बच्चों को छात्रवृत्तियां देने का निर्णय किया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनकी संख्या कितनी है और उक्त छात्रवृत्तियां कब से दी जायेंगी ?

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

(ख) शैक्षिक वर्ष 1980-81 से 20 रु० प्रति माह की दर से 100 छात्रवृत्तियां ।

Financial Assistance to States for Social Welfare Activities

5603. SHRI KRISHAN DATT SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) details of the financial assistance given to the various States for social welfare activities during the last two years;

(b) the State-wise number of social organisations which are being given grants by Government indicating the amount thereof, in each case; and

(c) the position regarding utilisation of the grants given?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and the same will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

News Item "India-USSR Sign Irrigation Protocol"

5604. SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR:
DR. VASANT KUMAR PAN-
DIT:
SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH
CHAUDHARI:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards a news item appearing in the "Indian Express" dated 22nd January, 1981 under the caption "India-USSR Sign Irrigation protocol";

(b) if so, the names and status of the Soviet delegation that visited India in this connection, the outcome of discussions held with their counter-parts in India, duration of their stay and names of places visited by them; and

(c) whether similar advice was sought from USA and other European countries, if so, the details thereof if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Mr. N. A. Lopatin, Deputy Minister for Power and Electrification and Mr. V. A. Medvedev, President, V/O 'Selkhozpromexport' of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic visited India and held discussions with the officials of the Ministry of Irrigation in New Delhi on 18th and 20th January, 1981 and they did not visit any irrigation or power project in India. During the discussions it was agreed that the Soviet Organisations would render co-operation to Indian Organi-

sations in the preparation of feasibility study of an enterprise to be set up in India for the production of prefabricated components for construction of canal structures and canal lining; and for construction of an experimental dam by using directional blasting technique. The Soviet side also agreed to offer technical assistance for the research scheme for 'Biological control of Submerged Aquatic Weeds'. The Indian side reiterated their readiness to render technical assistance in the field of physical Model Testing for Hydraulic Structures.

(c) The Government of India have not sought any advice for these projects from United States of America or any other European countries as such a need was not felt.

Settlement of Cauvery Waters Dispute on the Basis of 1924 Agreement

5605. SHRI N. SELVARAJU: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state whether Government propose to intercede and settle the unending Cauvery Waters Dispute on the basis of the 1924 Agreement, which is "very much alive" as per the Report of the Technical Experts Committee set up by the Tamil Nadu Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): The Central Government is already endeavouring to bring about a negotiated settlement of the long-standing Cauvery Waters Dispute. For this purpose, the matter has been under discussion with the basin-States for quite some time. In the last Inter-State meeting with the Chief Ministers held in December, 1980, it was agreed that the States might suggest amendments and modification in the 1976 understanding and the approach adopted therein, after which another meeting at Chief Ministers level would be convened.

In pursuance of this decision, proposals from the Governments of Kerala, Karnataka and Pondicherry