

The total investment on the project as on 28-2-1983 is Rs. 457.80 crores.

(b) One million gallons per day (MGD) of water is already available from the Mahadriggedda River scheme. Additional 3.5 MGD of construction water will be supplied from Raiwada canal, work on

which is nearing completion. Operational requirements of water will be met from Yelleru River Scheme which is being executed by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. Work on this is in progress.

(c) Details are indicated below:—

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| 1. Executives | 365 (Two are on short-term contract appointment). |
| 2. Management Trainees | 84 |
| 3. Non-Executives | 1623 |
| 4. Non-Executive Trainees | 163 |
| 5. Casual Employees (Non-Executives) | 14 |
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| | 2249 |

(d) In accordance with the prescribed policy, appointments to the grade of executives are made through all India test/interview. In non-executive cadres, the requirements are notified to the local Employment Exchange and vacancies are filled by the selection of most suitable candidates.

(e) Does not arise.

Awarding of Punishment to convicts by Tihar Jail Authorities

2906. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tihar Jail authorities are awarding increased punishments on the convicts over and above the judicial decisions;

(b) if so, how many such cases have been brought to the notice of Government; and

(c) what action has been taken against those responsible for the above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) No, Sir

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Persons living below poverty line

2907. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the number and percentage of persons living below poverty line in the country; State-wise, during the years 1977-78 to 1980-81; and

(b) the factors responsible for the same?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) The latest available state-wise details of persons below the poverty line are for the year 1977-78. These are given in the attached statement. The Consumer expenditure surveys on which poverty estimates are based are conducted periodically. The next survey is scheduled for 1983. State-wise poverty estimates beyond 1977-78 are therefore not available.

(b) The inherent causes for a large number being below the poverty line are the extremely narrow base for production for the majority of the population resulting in inadequate productivity; low incomes and consumption; hidden and naked unemployment; larger population growth; preponderance of weak and deprived socio-economic groups; inadequate infrastruc-