

(d) the steps taken by Government to expedite execution of that project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) A culturable Command area of 1,00,700 ha. will be brought under irrigation and annual irrigation will be 1,67,000 ha. with 165.66% intensity, due to double cropping on some areas.

(b) The Project has been technoeconomically found viable by the Advisory Committee of the Planning Commission and recommended for its acceptance subject to certain observations. There is no specific outlay for this project in the VI Plan. However, Rs. 3 crores were recommended for this project during the current year, from the total outlays of the State, to take up preliminary works, which are in progress.

(c) and (d) The project is yet to be accepted by the Planning Commission and specific outlays are also to be allocated for this project. Hence there has been no delay in execution of this project. In order to expedite the project, World Bank assistance has been arranged.

#### Fishing Harbour Facilities in India

1100. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to provide adequate fishing harbour facilities at Paradip and Astarang in Orissa ;

(b) if so, the progress made in the selection of sites for the location of fishing harbours at the above mentioned places ; and

(c) the details of the amount estimated and sanctioned for the construction of fishing harbours at these places ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Site for location of Astarang Fishing Harbour is finalised. The site for the location of Paradip Fishing Harbour has not yet been finalised:

(c) The estimated cost of the fishing harbour at Astarang was Rs. 451 lakhs in 1981. The estimated cost of Fishing Harbour at Paradip is yet to be finalised.

#### Scheme to Develop Water Resources

1101. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry has been laying greater emphasis for water resources development in various regions and States in the country ;

(b) if so, the schemes formulated during the Sixth Plan for the development of various river water resources available in the country ;

(c) the amount allocated therefor and the achievement made thereon in different States and regions ; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Irrigation has been accorded high importance and occupies the first place in the new 20-Point Programme.

(b) During the Sixth Plan 176 major and 447 medium schemes are on going as spill over projects from earlier plans. In addition the States have proposed 114 major and 265 medium schemes as new schemes. Further a large number of minor irrigation schemes are also under implementation. The targetted potential set for irrigation is 13.74 million ha.

(c) and (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. L.T.—7085/83]