

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA) :** (a) to (c). Necessary information is being collected and on collection and compilation will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Finance from International Development Association for Minor-Irrigation farm Mechanisation and Land Levelling**

3589. **SHRI M. M. HASHIM :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the International Development Association (IDA) have agreed to finance investment in minor irrigation, farm mechanisation and land levelling projects in various regions of the country;

(b) if so, the rate of interest to be charged by the International Development Association and the period of repayment of loans;

(c) whether the International Development Association loans cover the entire cost of these projects, if not, what are the other sources;

(d) the criterion for selecting the above regions or projects; and

(e) whether such benefits will be made available also in other parts of the country ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) :** (a) Yes Sir. IDA have agreed to finance investment in minor irrigation, farm mechanisation, land levelling and drainage projects in the States of Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Harayana and Tamil Nadu. In Punjab, a credit project for mechanisation has also been approved by the World Bank. Projects for Maharashtra and Mysore are ready for negotiations.

(b) IDA charges no interest. There is only a service charge of 3/4%. The repayment period is 50 years including a grace period of 10 years.

(c) "No Sir. In addition to the beneficiaries who make down payments in varying proportions depending on the purpose, the other sources are : Institutional agencies like Co-operative Mortgage Banks, Commercial Banks, Agricultural Refinance Corporation and the State and the Central Governments.

(d) and (e). No criteria are laid down in advance but experience of the appraisals on projects by the IDA teams has shown that questions like cost benefit ratio economic advantages, feasibility, agencies for credit and recoveries of loans, capacity of the implementing machinery etc., weigh with the IDA. Proposals received from the State Governments are examined by the Government of India in consultation with the concerned authorities after which initial proposals are made to the IDA.

**Projects under Minor Irrigation Scheme in Manipur**

3590. **SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of projects under the Minor Irrigation Scheme taken up in Manipur during the last three years;

(b) the number of acres likely to be benefited by these projects; and

(c) the amount spent or being spent project-wise ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) :** (a) 23 minor irrigation schemes have also been taken up in Manipur during the years 1969-70 and

1970-71 or are proposed to be taken up during 1971-72.

(b) 9.5 thousand hectares are likely to be benefited by these projects during this period.

(c) A statement showing the amount spent project-wise during the years 1969-70 and 1970-71 and the amount proposed to be spent during 1971-72 is given in the attached statement.

STATEMENT  
Minor Irrigation Schemes in Manipur

(Rs. in lakhs)				
S. No.	Name of Schemes	1969-70 Actual Expendi- ture	1970-71 Anticipated Expenditure	1971-72 Proposed Outlay
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	Lousipat Drainage Scheme Part-I, II and III.	0.23	0.20	0.10
2.	Sana Ichil Thingle Part I & II.	0.02	0.60	0.40
3.	Itok M. I. Scheme.	0.18	0.30	0.10
4.	Sajaikhong M.I. Scheme.	—	0.10	—
5.	M.I. Scheme on Kotwa Thingel	0.05	0.15	—
6.	M.I. Scheme on Fandu River near Waithou Village.	0.02	—	—
7.	Tera Lok M.I. Scheme	0.02	—	—
8.	Modification of existing channel at Khamelok.	0.32	—	—
9.	Survey and Investigation for M.I. Scheme in Manipur	—	1.00	1.00
10.	Remodelling of Lalikhong.	0.20	—	—
11.	Tendongpan M.I. Scheme.	0.04	—	—
12.	Construction of lift irrigation scheme at Lamphelpat.	0.15	0.30	—
13.	Construction of Ring bund around the field of Paobitak Co-operative Farming Society at Paobitak.	0.60	0.05	—
14.	Construction of Lift Irrigation Scheme at Mantripukhri.	0.13	0.30	—
15.	Diversion weir at Challow.	—	0.50	0.14
16.	M. I. Scheme in Valley area.	—	2.40	2.34

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
17.	Remodelling of Singda River from Kadanghan to Yaothong (Lamshang).	—	0.10	0.50
18.	Distribution of Pump Sets.	—	0.50	1.00
19.	M. I. Scheme at Yawa Lamjao	—	—	0.50
20.	M. I. Scheme at Bishenpur.	—	—	0.50
21.	Remodelling of Bashikhong at Khoidum Lamjap.	—	—	0.30
22.	Re-modelling of Irrigation channel from Mechanimanao Ching via Konthoujam Bomdiar upto Tiddim Road.	—	—	0.22
23.	Diversion of Loklao River	—	—	0.50
Total		1.96	6.50	7.60

**Indians working as Labourers in Foreign Countries**

3591. DR. MELKOTE : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians working as labourers in foreign countries, country-wise;

(b) whether these Indians are treated at par with the local workers; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) Information about Indian Workers employed in foreign countries is not available. However, the latest available estimates of the people of Indian Origin in some of the overseas countries are given in the attached statement.

(b) and (c). Available information from some of the countries like West Indies, Malaysia and U. K. reveals that no discrimination in matters relating to wages etc. of the workers is made in these countries on the basis of racial origin.

*Statement*

Country	Year to which information relates	Population of Indian Origin
(1)	(2)	(3)
United Kingdom	1967	2,60,000
<i>Asia</i>		
Burma	1966	2,00,000
Ceylon	1969	11,02,000*
Federation of Malaysia	1969	9,00,000 App.@