

(d) and (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Survey of Saria Nullah in Dharam Jaigarh, Madhya Pradesh

4684. SHRI UMED SINGH RATHIA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have since surveyed the Saria Nullah in Tehsil Dharam Jaigarh in District Raigarh, Madhya Pradesh ; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the survey ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) and (b). Investigations on the Sarai Nullah have been carried out and a scheme estimated to cost Rs. 29 lakhs to irrigate 2360 ha has been prepared by the Madhya Pradesh Government. The scheme has not been included in the Fourth Plan proposals of the State.

Rail Link between Ambikapur and Raigarh in Madhya Pradesh

4685. SHRI UMED SINGH RATHIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is no rail link between Ambikapur and Raigarh via District Surguja and Lalitnagar and Raigarh in Madhya Pradesh ; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to link this backward region with railway lines ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Yes.

(b) Due to paucity of funds and lack of adequate traffic justification, it will not be possible to consider the construction of any new lines in this region at present.

Schemes for Irrigation and Rural Electrification in Chhatisgarh

4686. SHRI UMED SINGH RATHIA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) which are the new schemes to be

launched by the Central Government to provide irrigation to Chhatisgarh area in Madhya Pradesh and for rural electrification of this region during the year 1971-72 ; and

(b) the amount allocated for the purpose ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) and (b). Irrigation is a State subject. The planning, investigation, formulation and execution of irrigation projects is done by the State Governments concerned keeping their resources position in view. The position about the new irrigation and rural electrification schemes in Chhatisgarh area in Madhya Pradesh is indicated below.

In addition to Kunwarpur Project, estimated to cost Rs. 85.64 lakhs, which has been approved by the Planning Commission, reports on the Mahanadi Reservoir Stage—I and Pairi Stage—I have been received and are under examination in the Central Water and Power Commission.

The following schemes of the Central Government for rural electrification and lift irrigation, have been sanctioned :

<i>Name of Scheme</i>	<i>Outlay for 1971-72 (Estimated)</i>
(i) Raipur Scheme for Mahanadi and Jonk rivers.	Rs. 79.22 lakhs
(ii) Bilaspur Scheme for Hasdeo and Mand rivers.	Rs. 41.03 lakhs
(iii) Additional transmission lines in six Districts of Chhatisgarh.	Rs. 256.9 lakhs

Running of Passenger Train on Dandakaranya—Balladila—Kotabalasa Line on South Eastern Railway

4687. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to run passenger trains on Dandakaranya-Balladila-Kotabalasa line on the South Eastern Railway ; and