

(b) if so, when these projects are going to start and how much funds have been given to the State Government for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) and (b) Under the Rural Works Programme, which in Rajasthan, covers 10 districts (namely, Jaisalmer, Barmer, Pali, Jalore, Bikaner, Churu, Jodhpur, Banswara, Nagaur and Dungarpur), rural drinking water supply schemes will also be taken up. The main aim of the Rural Works Programme is to provide employment to agricultural labour and to mitigate severity of scarcity conditions in the selected chronically drought prone districts by organising labour intensive and productive works. As a water supply schemes are not very labour intensive, the question of their inclusion in the programme had to be examined in detail. Taking into account the special conditions in the selected districts of Rajasthan, it was decided to earmark an amount of Rs. 3 crores within the total outlay of about Rs. 20 crores which will be available to these districts over the 4 year programme period- for rural drinking water schemes.

Before actually taking up these schemes, it would be necessary to consider various technical factors. This is likely to take time. The State Government are formulating master plans for all the selected R.W.P. districts on the basis of which the programme for the remaining years of IVth Plan will be sanctioned. The rural water supply schemes will be included in these master plans and are likely to be taken up during the current financial year. Rural water supply schemes are also included in the State plan, though no specific grant assistance is given for such schemes by the Government of India.

Baby Elephant Presented to Prime Minister on Her Tour of Tripura

300. SHRIMATI BIBHA GHOSH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister was presented with a baby elephant during her tour of Tripura in 1960 ;

(b) whether the money for purchasing this baby elephant came from a person who in return was favoured by the Conservator of Forests of Tripura with a 50 percent concessional royalty for buying Garjan trees from Hirschara beat; and

(c) if so, the action of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Observations of Minister of Steel and Mines in Bihar regarding Public Sector Undertakings

3001. SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether he had recently stated in Bihar that the efficiency of public sector undertakings could be improved only, if the top officials and executives shed their "Grand Mughal" mentality; and

(b) whether his remark related particularly to the Bokaro Steel Limited, where the schedule had been revised three times so far?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MOHAN KUMAR MANGALAM) (a) In the first week of May, 1971, visited certain public undertakings in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal. In the course of this tour I stressed the need for adoption of modern managerial practices involving better communication between various levels of administration and wider participation by officers and workers in the decision making process. It is in this context that I had referred to "Grand Mughal" mentality of certain senior officers who do not seem to believe in promoting wider participation by employees in the taking of management decisions.

(b) This observation was made in a general way without reference to any particular individual undertaking, and certainly