

eight of the existing M.E.S. Workshops originally set up for repairs to water and electric installations and refrigeration plants installed by MES, have been re-organised into Zonal Workshops.

(b) A statement is attached.

(c) All repairs within the capacity of the Zonal Workshops are executed by them. The Department is spending on repairs (including purchase of any material and spare parts) through private trade only in respect of repairs requiring special machines/tools and equipments.

(d) The Zonal Workshops came into being only in April/May 1970. The information in regard to the expenditure incurred on :—

(i) re-organisation of the Zonal Workshops and

(ii) the repairs in the Zonal Workshops and through private trade during the period April/May 1970 to 31st March, 1971.

is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as early as possible.

#### Statement

(i) The Stations at which the existing installation workshops have been re-organised into Zonal Workshops are mentioned below :—

Bangalore, Bombay, Gauhati, Khaprail, Ambala, Udhampur, Bareilly and Jabalpur

(ii) The staff in each of the Zonal Workshops is as follows :—

(1) Superintendent E/M Grade II	1
(2) Charge Mechanic	1
(3) Charge Electrician	1
(4) Charge Mechanic refrigeration	1
(5) Turner	1
(6) Bench Fitter	1
(7) Engine Fitter/artificer	1
(8) Vehicle Mechanic	1
(9) Welder	1
(10) Blacksmith	1
(11) Refrigerator Mechanic	1

(12) Electrician	1
(13) Painter	1

#### Water to Rural Areas of West Bengal

5981. SHRI GADADHAR SAHA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the allotment of funds for drinking water supply facility made to West Bengal under Rural Water Supply Scheme ;

(b) whether the State Government has requested the Central Government for allocation of funds for supply of drinking water to rural areas in the Districts of West Bengal under Rural Water Supply Scheme during 1970-71 and 1971-72 ;

(c) if so, the amount allotted and proposed to be allotted ; and

(d) the share of Birbhum District in the allotment ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU) : (a) The outlay earmarked for the Rural Water Supply Schemes by the Planning Commission for the Government of West Bengal during the Fourth Five Year Plan period is Rs. 3.53 crores.

(b) to (d). During the Fourth Five Year Plan, Central assistance to States for their Annual Plans is being given in block loans and block grants towards expenditure on the State's Plan as a whole and is not related to any particular programme or scheme. The provisions for the purpose in the Central budget are also made in lump as block loans and block grants, without reference to any particular scheme or head of development. The Outlays recommended by the Planning Commission for being earmarked for Rural Water Supply Schemes during the years 1970-71 and 1971-72 are Rs. 43 lakhs and Rs. 46 lakhs respectively.

No separate outlay has been earmarked for Birbhum District by the Planning Commission as formulation and execution of water supply schemes, determination of priorities and outlays for such schemes is the responsibility of the State Government.