

Investigation in regard to Sethusamadram Project

766. SHRI KALYANA SUNDARAM :
SHRI MURUGNANTSHAM :

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (NAUWAHAN AUR PARIWAHAN MANTRI) be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the present stage of investigation in regard to Sethusamadram Project; and

(b) when a final decision would be taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING & TRANSPORT (SANSADIYA KARYA TATHA NAUWAHAN AUR PARIWAHAN MANTRI) (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) and (b). The investigations in respect of the Sethusamadram Ship Canal Project have been completed. The Project Report is under examination in consultation with the concerned Ministries/authorities.

Scheme for Additional Employment in Rural Areas

767. SHRI SEZHIAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE (VITTA MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether public sector banks have any financing schemes under consideration to generate additional employment in the rural areas ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (VITTA MANTRI) (SHRI YESHWANT-RAO CHAVAN) : (a) and (b). The

public sector banks have formulated several special credit schemes for providing assistance to the self-employed persons. An illustrative list giving details of terms and conditions of these schemes is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—247/71]

Increase in Dearness Allowance of the Central Government Employees

768. SHRI S. M BANERJEE : Will the Minister of FINANCE (VITTA MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the present Pay Commission formula, 10-point average of the rise cost of living Index has already reached entitling the Central Government employees for a further increase in Dearness Allowance ,

(b) if so, the reason for the delay on behalf of Government in announcing this increase ; and

(c) whether the various employees organisations have already represented to Government for an early increase ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (VITTA MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI K.R. GANESH) : (a). No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir. Representations have been received from some associations who are being informed of the position.

Upgradation of Kanpur City

769. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of FINANCE (VITTA MANTRI) be pleased to state :