

Project Reports of Bhimkund and Rengali Projects in Orissa

7146. **SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI**: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Orissa Government have sent the Project Reports for Bhimkund and Rengali projects for flood control in Brahmani and Baitarani rivers,

(b) whether Central Government have issued sanction order of about 10 crores of rupees to Orissa Government for undertaking the projects, and

(c) if so, when the sanction was issued ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BN KUREEL) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The State Government of Orissa were informed early in April, 1972 that the Government of India had agreed to provide special financial assistance in the last 2 years of the 4th Plan for the implementation of priority schemes namely, Rengali and Bhimkund dams and strengthening of existing embankments on Brahmani and Baitarani. The State Government had also been requested to finalise the projects, get them approved by the competent authority and furnish details of the programme of works and the expenditure during 1972-73 and 1973-74. The release of central assistance is to be made after the receipt of these details.

Increase in price of Yarn

7147. **SHRI M RAJANGAM**: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be please to state .

(a) whether as a result of abnormal increase in the price of various types of yarn, handloom industry is facing difficulties ; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE

(**SHRI A. C. GEORGE**) : (a) and (b). Handloom weavers were affected adversely by the rise in prices of cotton yarn from the middle of 1970 onwards. Supplies of cotton yarn for meeting partially the requirements of the handloom sector at fixed prices were arranged, under the Yarn Pool Scheme, from February 1971, onwards. Also, due to the abundant cotton crop in 1971-72, the prices of cotton yarn have fallen in 1972 and are expected to attain normal levels within the next few months.

Prices of staple fibre yarn had also gone up. As a result of discussions Government had with the spinners, they have agreed to sell all their production at agreed prices in the open market in various states.

New Railway Stations opened in Tamil Nadu

7148. **SHRI M RAJANGAM** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number and names of new Railway Stations which have been opened in Tamil Nadu during the last two years and which are proposed to be opened in the current financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K HANUMANTHAIYA) The following four railway stations/halts have been opened in Tamil Nadu during the last two years i.e. 1970-71 and 1971-72 —

- 1 Andampallam Halt
- 2 Marudalam Halt.
3. Tirumani Halt.
- 4 Pudupet Halt.

There are proposals to open the following stations/halts during the current year —

1. Station between St. Thomas Mount and Minambakkam stations.
2. Halt between Kadambattur and Manur stations

All India Handloom Weavers' Convention held in Delhi

7149. **SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH** :
SHRI K. ESWARA REDDY

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :