

(d) if so, whether Government are considering the matter as a special case?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Surveys for the extension of metre gauge line from Silchar to Jirighat are already in progress.

(b) The surveys are likely to be completed by the end of May, 1973.

(c) Yes.

(d) Further consideration will be given after the surveys are completed.

Survey in Manipur for Petroleum and Natural Gas

6805. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey has been conducted in Manipur to find out the possibility of Petroleum and Natural gas in that region;

(b) if so, the findings thereof and the time taken in the survey; and

(c) whether Government feel the need for further survey?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). A reconnaissance geological survey of the Manipur Valley and the adjoining hill area had been conducted during the year 1963-64. The data thus gathered had revealed that the exposed rocks in those parts are not of interest for exploration for oil/gas.

(c) No, Sir.

Central Assistance for Nagarjuna Sagar Project in Andhra Pradesh

6806. SHRI ANNASAHAB GOT-KHINDE: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state the amount of Central assistance, special or otherwise, given for the Nagarjuna Sagar Project in Andhra Pradesh from 1969-70 to 1972-73 year-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) Irrigation is a State subject and funds for the execution of irrigation projects are provided by the State Governments in their development Plans. The Central assistance to State Plans is given in the form of block loans and grants, not related to any individual sector of development or project.

However, a special non plan central assistance of Rs. 1 crore was given for Nagarjunasagar Project in 1969-70, Under the Emergency Agricultural Production Programme of the Ministry of Agriculture, an assistance of Rs. 16 lakhs for improvement of the Nagarjunasagar right canal and Rs. 127.19 lakhs for lift irrigation on Nagarjunasagar left canal was approved in 1972-73.

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6807. श्री लालजी भाई क्या सिन्हाई और बिद्युत् मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या सरकार ने देश के समस्त तहसील केन्द्रों में किसानों को बिजली देने हेतु कार्यक्रम बनाया है ;

(ख) यदि हा, तो देश में प्रत्येक राज्य को जिलावार तहसीलों के नाम क्या हैं जिनका बिद्युतीकरण करने की स्वीकृति दी जा चुकी है ; और