

Committee considered the recommendations regarding pay scales of Executive Engineers and above on the 7th April, 1973 and recommended to the Delhi Municipal Corporation the revision of their pay scale also. The Delhi Electric Supply Committee also recommended to the Delhi Municipal Corporation the revision of the pay scales of the following categories:

- (1) Controller
- (2) Assistant Controller
- (3) Superintendent
- (4) Foreman
- (5) Inspector Grade I
- (6) Inspector Grade II
- (7) Shift Charge Engineer Grade II
- (8) Assistant Shift Engineer
- (9) Senior Chemist
- (10) Chemist
- (11) Assistant Chemist

The Delhi Municipal Corporation is expected to consider the matter shortly.

The remaining recommendations of the Sivasankar Committee are under examination in Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking.

Development of Irrigation and Power Infrastructure in Tribal Areas

7998. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the level of irrigation and power infrastructure in tribal areas is much below the general level in the country;

(b) if so, the assessment made in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for the development of irrigation and supply of power in these areas during the Fifth Five Year Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a) and (b). An Expert Com-

mittee on tribal development in the Department of Social Welfare have estimated that irrigation facilities in the tribal areas is less than 1 per cent of the cultivated area as against the All India average of about 21 per cent. Similarly rural electrification has not reached far deep into the tribal areas because of small habitations and sparse population.

(c) The tribal blocks in the country are being identified in order to ensure that the development of these blocks is taken up by the State Governments along with their other development schemes during the Fifth Five Year Plan. It is also proposed to bring the tribal areas under the scope of the Rural Engineering Survey Scheme, in order to properly survey the areas and draw up specific schemes.

Level of Irrigation in Tribal Areas of Orissa and Bihar

7999. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the level of irrigation in tribal areas of Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar as compared to general level in these States; and

(b) what has been the total area under irrigation in Koraput, Bastar, Mandla and Jabhua in 1970, 1971 and 1972?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a) The Government of Bihar has informed that Irrigation potential achieved in Tribal areas is 3 lakh acres against 28 lakh acres in the State as a whole.

The information in respect of the States of Orissa and Madhya Pradesh is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.