

(b) If so, the details thereof and name of the U.S. firm ;

(c) whether negotiations with other firms or countries have also been finalised and if so, the details of the offer and names of firms and countries ; and

(d) the decision taken on those offers ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI ASOKA MEHTA) : (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such negotiations are being carried on at present.

(d) Does not arise.

#### Centrally Aided and Sponsored Schemes, Orissa

7918. SHRI SRINIBAS MISRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the amount of grant sanctioned to the Orissa State under all the Centrally aided and Centrally sponsored Schemes since 1957, year-wise and Scheme wise ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY) : A statement containing the information is attached. [Placed in Library. See No. LT 969/68].

#### Major and Medium Irrigation Schemes

7919. SHRI V. B. TARODEKAR : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state the particulars of irrigation schemes, major and medium, pending clearance by the Central Government, with particular reference to Maharashtra State ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : 35 major irrigation schemes and 112 medium irrigation schemes are pending clearance by the Central Government. Of these 10 major schemes and 23 medium schemes are of the Maharashtra State, details of which are given in the statement, laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT 970/68].

#### Foreign Loans

7920. SHRI BABURAO PATEL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of foreign loans repayable in foreign currency country-wise, as on the 31st December, 1967 ;

(b) the amount of loans repayable, country-wise, through export of goods as on the 31st December, 1967 ;

(c) the amount of loans repayable country-wise, in rupees as on the 31st December, 1967 ; and

(d) the amount of loans expected, country-wise, during the next two years under various heads ?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) : (a) to (c). A statement containing country-wise details of the three categories of loans drawn and outstanding repayment by the Government of India as on the 31st December, 1967 is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT 971/68].

(d) It is not possible to make an estimate of this type, as it will depend upon a number of factors including decisions of the respective governments and legislative appropriations for aid funds.

#### Housing Shortage

7921. SHRI BABURAO PATEL : Will the Minister of WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that housing shortage as on the 31st December, 1967 was 15 million houses in urban areas and 70 million in rural areas ;

(b) if so, how many of the recommendations made at the Conference of Housing Ministers held on the 8th November, 1967 were given immediate effect to by the 31st January, 1968 ; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SHRI IQBAL SINGH) : (a) Housing shortage at the end of 1967, is estimated at 11.8 million units in urban areas and 69.6 million units in rural areas.