

Use of Radio-isotopes

*770. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made and the extent of coverage of the use of radio-isotopes for diagnosis and treatment of diseases in the various parts of the country;

(b) whether any assessment has been made or is proposed to be made as to the requirements of suitable equipments for the proper use of radio-isotopes, if all the hospitals working in the country want to use radio-isotopes; and

(c) if so, the results thereof?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the Sabha in due course.

Agricultural Production Programmes

*771. **Shri Linga Reddy:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Programme Evaluation Organisation appointed by the Planning Commission to evaluate agricultural production programmes has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, their main recommendations to step up agricultural production?

The Minister of Planning (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) and (b). The Programme Evaluation Organisation was set up in 1952 to evaluate the community development programme and other intensive area development schemes. Since 1960-61, the Organisation has been undertaking problem-oriented studies dealing with selected plan programmes. The results of each evaluation study are presented in the form of reports. In the sphere of agriculture, it has studied some of the agricultural input programmes like improved seed, fertilizer, irrigation etc. and also gone

into problems of administrative co-ordination. It has, however, made no detailed study of agricultural production as such. Reports on the particular aspects of agricultural programme studied by the Organisation are listed below:

- (i) Multiplication and Distribution Programme for Improved Seed.
- (ii) Problems of Minor Irrigation.
- (iii) Soil Conservation Programme for Agricultural Land.
- (iv) Problems of Coordination in Agricultural Programmes.

These reports have already been supplied to Parliament for its Library. Each of these reports gives in the concluding Chapter summary and suggestions.

Pakistan's Demand for Canal Water Supplies

*772. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state the reaction of Government to Pakistan Government's demand for the supply of Indus waters through the Central Bari Doab Channels near Madhopur on a temporary basis?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): The Government of Pakistan's suggestion that its share of water in the Central Bari Doab Channels be delivered in the Ravi river below Madhopur, as a temporary measure, is not covered by the Indus Waters Treaty, 1960.

Survey of Transport in Eastern Region

2133. **Shri Karni Singhji:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey of all modes of transport in the eastern region of India which was to be financed by Government and the World Bank has since been undertaken; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far?

The Minister of Planning (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) Yea.

(b) A statement is given below.

Statement.

The Joint Technical Group on Transport Planning, an organisation established jointly by the Planning Commission and the Ministries of Railways, Transport and Civil Aviation, has initiated a Regional Transport Survey of the region comprising West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa and the adjoining districts of Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. The survey is being undertaken by a special organisation set up in Calcutta to which the Planning Commission and the Ministries of Railways and Transport have contributed personnel. A team of five specialists provided by the World Bank is participating in the work of the survey as part of the organisation set up under the aegis of the Joint Technical Group for Transport Planning. The World Bank is meeting the cost of these specialists, local costs being provided by the Government of India.

The objects of the survey are:

- (1) assessment of the available facilities on the different modes of transport and of the transport requirements of the region at the end of the Third Plan;
- (2) identifying existing traffic bottlenecks on the transportation system as a whole and consideration of measures such as may be required to remove these bottlenecks;
- (3) assessment of future transport requirements of the region, keeping in view its potential economic development over a period of 10—15 years and the transport facilities required to sustain such development.

Considerable progress has been made towards the completion of the first phase of the work of the regional survey, including collection of basic data such as flow maps for 18 princi-

pal commodities, highway traffic surveys for 60 focal points and various aspects of the economy of the region as a whole.

State-wise Per Capita Income

2134. Shri Madhu Limaye: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have completed the collection of statistics relating to the per capita income, State-wise;

(b) whether Government figures broadly confirm the results about unequal distribution of income as between the States with the inquiries conducted by the National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi; and

(c) whether Government have planned any remedial action for the Fourth Plan period?

The Minister of Planning (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) No, Sir. The Central Statistical Organisation is still continuing its studies.

(b) It is not possible to test the validity of the estimates given by the National Council of Applied Economic Research until the studies by the Central Statistical Organisation have been completed.

(c) Promotion of Balanced Regional Development through the successive Five Year Plans is an accepted policy of the Government.

Ret Irrigation Project (Orissa)

2135. Shri P. K. Deo: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hydro Power Division of the Orissa Government has drawn up a blue-print of the Ret Irrigation Project in Kalahandi District;

(b) if so, the broad features thereof;