

World Bank Aid for River Valley Projects

6293. SHRI N. SHIVAPPA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the River Valley projects approved so far by the Central Government; and

(b) the details of the projects approved during the First, Second and Third Plans separately, but the construction of which has not so far been completed and the various factors hampering progress in their construction work ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD):

(a) Particulars of major and medium irrigation projects taken up during the three Plans are given in the publication "INDIA-Irrigation and Power Projects (Five Year Plans)" copies of which have already been placed in the Parliament Library. A list of projects approved subsequently in the Annual Plans is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-746/69]

(b) A list of the major projects, work on which has spilled over to the Fourth Plan is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-746/69]

Besides, there are a number of medium irrigation schemes in various stages of progress which have also spilled over.

The principal factor responsible for the delay in completion of the works is the constraint on resources.

Central Assistance to Tamil Nadu

6294. SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has asked for Central aid to the tune of Rs. 3 crores to undertake relief measures in the drought affected areas of Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether Government have also asked for rescheduling of repayment of loans by the State; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the decision taken in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) An amount of Rs. 1.25 crores has already been sanctioned to the Government of Tamil Nadu towards the expenditure incurred by them on drought relief measures. Further assistance will be provided in the light of the progress of expenditure subject to a review of the situation in May, 1969.

As regards rescheduling of loans, a scheme of consolidation of Central loans to the States and refixing of terms of repayment is under the consideration of Government.

Deposits of Iron Ore in Orissa

6295. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that iron ore has been discovered in certain Districts of Orissa;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to work on these deposits ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI JAGANATH RAO): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.