

(Rs. in lakhs)

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Scheme</i>	<i>Assistance</i>
1.	Development of V. F. C. Tobacco	2.20
2.	Maximised production of cotton	13.16
3.	Maximised production of groundnut	1.83
4.	Farmers training & education	3.51
5.	Pilot project for reclamation of ravine land	2.50
6.	Castor Demonstration	0.25
7.	Rinderpest Scheme	2.50
8.	Coordinated cattle breeding farm	1.00
9.	Landing & berthing facilities at minor ports.	... 10.00

Assistance for these schemes will be released towards the close of the financial year on the progress of expenditure to be reported by the State Government.

Agricultural Projects in Gujarat

2541. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH MAHIDA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Gujarat Government have asked for special assistance from the Centre for aiding the agricultural projects in that State ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the Government's decision thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

Confirmation of Mechanics in A.I.R.

2542. SHRI ABDUL GHANI DAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be please to state :

(a) the total number of permanent, Mechanics' posts against which no confir-

mation has been done so far in A.I.R. ;

(b) the reasons thereof ; and

(c) the time likely to be taken to confirm the persons against these posts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) 131.

(b) Due to the establishment of the Offices of Regional Engineers in East, West, North and South it has been decided to centralise the confirmation region-wise which has resulted in the fresh compilation of the seniority lists.

(c) Efforts will be made to finalise confirmation of all eligible Class III technical staff at the earliest.

Confirmation of Class III Technical Staff in A.I.R.

2543. SHRI ABDUL GHANI DAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Class III technical persons who are waiting their confirmations in A.I.R. ;

(b) the number of representations received from the Mechanics and the Associa-