

West Bengal and the allocation made during the current year; and

(c) if so, the location thereof, the allocation made for setting it up and the extent of work completed on the project so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Although the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has rendered assistance in a few States to set up food processing industrial estates or food parks. None of them has been completed as yet.

(b) One Food Park in the State of Kerala and another in the State of West Bengal are being set up with the assistance from the Ministry. The Ministry has also received another proposal to set up a Food Park for preservation and processing of fish in West Bengal.

(c) In the State of Kerala, the Ministry has approved financial assistance of Rs. 2.0 crores and has released Rs. 1.25 crores so far for setting up of a Food Park at Kakkancherry, Malappuram District, Kerala. The project is under implementation and has incurred an expenditure of Rs. 5.50 crores on land and land development, road, waste water management and facilities for power, communication water distribution, water tank, common facilities building, power distribution etc.

Food Park in West Bengal is being set up at Dankuni, District Hooghly, West Bengal with the financial assistance approved by the Ministry amounting to Rs. 3 crores, out of which Rs. 75 lakhs has been released so far. The project is under implementation for which 130 acres of land has been acquired, and steps have been taken for water supply and other infrastructure facilities. The company has already invested Rs. 3.5 crores in the project.

Another food park is proposed in Mouza Chakgaria, District 24-Parganas for preservation and processing of fish in West Bengal. This will be established at a project cost of Rs. 13.08 crores. It is still in the preliminary stage of implementation.

[Translation]

Documentaries on Rivers

531. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by Prasar Bharati Board to make documentaries on rivers and the number of proposals out of them on which work have been started;

(b) whether the former Minister of Information and Broadcasting had announced in September this year that documentaries on rivers would be made and telecast on Doordarshan; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR

NAQVI): (a) Prasar Bharati have intimated that Doordarshan has not received any proposals for making documentaries on rivers.

(b) No such information is available either with the Ministry or with Prasar Bharati.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

World Conference on Dams

532. SHRI ANNASAHAB M.K. PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have not granted permission to the World Commission on Dams to visit India due to protest from some State Governments; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) The World Commission on Dams had proposed to convene a meeting of the Commission at New Delhi on 19-20th September, 1998 and also for holding a public hearing on 21-22 September, 1998 at Bhopal. The proposal of the Commission for holding a public hearing at Bhopal, was strongly objected to in view of the fact that one of the Commissioners of World Commission on Dams from India is from Narmada Bachao Andolan, an Organisation opposed to Sardar Sarovar Project and other dam projects in Narmada Valley, which had filed a Civil Writ Petition against the Sardar Sarovar Project in Supreme Court of India and is being heard. Therefore, the Chairman, World Commission on Dams was informed that it was not an opportune time for the visit of the World Commission on Dams.

[Translation]

Vacancies in CBI

533. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH:

DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts lying vacant in CBI, category-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to fill up these vacancies; and

(c) the time by which these vacancies are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE): (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) As on 31.10.1998, there were 787 posts vacant in the CBI. Category-wise distribution of these posts is as below: