

- (a) whether the reply has not since been collected; and
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which it is likely to be collected.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA) : (a) The Assurance given in reply to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5479 dt.24.7.98 was fulfilled in October, 1998. The information furnished therein is given below:-

Keeping in view the magnitude of the unemployment problem of the educated youth, a Self-Employment Scheme for Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY) was launched in 1983. For providing employment to more than 1 million educated urban unemployed youth by setting-up of 7 lakh micro enterprises, Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) was launched on 2.10.93. The Scheme was further extended to cover the entire country from 1994-96 onwards. From the same year, SEEUY has been subsumed in PMRY.

The approach to the Ninth Plan envisages priority to agriculture and rural development with a view to generating adequate productivity employment and eradication of poverty. Greater productive employment will be generated in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are labour intensive in regions characterised by higher rates of unemployment and underemployment. This will benefit the unemployed graduates, post-graduates and diploma holders.

The Central Government is not in favour of paying unemployment allowance to any category of unemployed on account of resource constraints.

- (b) Does not arise.

#### **Development of Tourist Spots in Bihar**

2208. SHRI SURENDRA PRASAD YADAV (JHAN-JHARPUR) : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Bihar Government have sent a proposal to Union Government in regard to improve the tourist centres of historical and religious importance; and

- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG) : (a) and (b) Development of tourist/pilgrim centre is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. The Ministry of Tourism has agreed to provide assistance for infrastructure development of Pilgrim/Tourist Centres to the State Governments. 12 projects for an amount of Rs.325 lakhs have been prioritised in consultation with the Government of Bihar for the year 1998-99. However, no proposal has been received from the Government of Bihar for the same so far.

#### **OEFC assistance to Bihar and .P.**

2209. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH :  
SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN :  
SHRI RAJO SINGH :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Governments of Bihar and Madhya Pradesh have sought financial assistance from O.E.C.F. for various irrigation projects;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have sent the requests of State Governments to O.E.C.F.;

- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which the required assistance from O.E.C.F. is likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA) : (a) and (b) Govt. of M.P., through the Ministry of Water Resources, had sent the following six irrigation projects for OEFC loan assistance for the years 1996-97 and 1997-98.

There was no irrigation project from the State of Bihar;

- i. Rajghat Irrigation Project
- ii. Mahi Irrigation Project
- iii. Sindh Project
- iv. Mahan Irrigation Project
- v. Bariyarpur Left Bank Canal Major Irrigation Project
- vi. Bargi Diversion Project

(c) Out of the above six projects posed for OEFC assistance, the Rajghat Irrigation Project was selected for assistance.

(d) Since OEFC are cautious about Rehabilitation & Resettlement issues, only one project could be selected.

(e) A loan agreement of Yen 13222 million was signed with OEFC for Rajghat Irrigation Project on 25.2.1997 to be drawn down before 29.5.2006.

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#### **Schemes to Rejuvenate Tourism**

2210. PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Kashmir has a vast potential for promotion of tourism;

(b) whether tourism in Kashmir had suffered a set back due to turbulence there in recent years;