

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) and (b) Interest has accrued on the amounts released by the Government of India under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme due to slow pace of implementation. All the District Collectors have been advised not to utilise the interest amount accrued on MPLADS funds till a decision is taken by the Government about the manner in which the interest should be utilised.

[English]

Upper Krishna Project

2816. SHRI H.G. RAMULU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sought environmental clearance for a stretch of four kms. of the Nayanapur Right Bank Canal of the Upper Krishna Project which pass through the forest area in Lingsugur taluk of Raichur District.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which the clearance is likely to be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Environmental clearance for construction of Nayanapur Right Bank Canal is linked with clearance of Upper Krishna Project Stage-II.

Privatisation of Postal Services

2817. DR. SUGUNA KUMARI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether postal services are to be privatised partially in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, *statewise*?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b) Participation of the private sector in postal

services has been marginal and that too in the role of augmenting the efforts of the Department to provide basic postal facilities in the needy areas. Private agencies have been participating in identified area of activity like sale of stamps and stationery, transportation of mail and provision of additional public facilities at a few places, like Post shoppe.

[Translation]

Technology University

2818. SHRI MITRASEN YADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated by the Union Government to the Narendeo Dev Agriculture and Technology University, Faizabad (UP) for the research and expansion programmes during the last three years;

(b) the progress and achievements of the said programme; and

(c) the control of Government over the conduct of such schemes and the review report thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) Sir, the funds allocated by the Department of Agricultural Research and Education to Acharya Narendra Dev University of Agriculture and Technology, Narendranagar (Kumarganj) Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh are Rs. 783.05 lacs during the last three years.

(b) and (c) The details are given in statement attached.

Statement

The Progress and Achievements of the Projects/ Schemes and the Control of DARE/ICAR over these Projects/Schemes being Operated at Achraya Narendra Dev Univeristy of Agriculture and Technology, Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh

The brief achievements are:

- * The technology for component crops developed for efficient resource use and higher yields.
- * Optimum varietal combinations for various crop sequences identified.
- * Tillage requirements under different cropping systems.