

66.3% to 72%. Further extension of TV services in the State would be carried out in a phased manner depending upon availability of resources, infrastructural facilities and inter-se-priorities.

(b) 223 programmes of music, documentaries, poetry, culture and dance of various tribes of Himachal Pradesh in different dialects e.g. Mashavi, Kullavi, Mandali, Kangri etc. spoken in the State have been produced and telecast from DDK Shimla since June, 1995. The Prasar Bharati proposes to give more focus on this area in the near future.

#### Statement

*List of TV Transmitters to be established in Himachal Pradesh for which schemes have been sanctioned.*

#### Low Power Transmitters

Mandi (DD-2)

#### Very Low Power Transmitters

Bijli Mahadev

Dalhousi

Tissa

Chauri Khas

Jhantingri

Kaja

Awah Devi

Chunaghai

Nehri

Ashapuri

[English]

#### Krishna Valley Projects

4063. SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has approached the Union Government for financial assistance to complete the irrigation projects in the Krishna Basin;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by the Union Government thereon and the total estimated amount that is required to complete all the projects in the Krishna Basin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) to (c) 10 Major, 9 Medium and 5 ERM (Extension Renovation Modernisation) Irrigation Projects of Krishna Valley with a latest

estimated cost of Rs. 10832.6 crores are under execution in the State of Karnataka. Of these, the details of four projects for which the State has sought Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) during 1998-99 and the funds released so far are as under :-

(In Rs. Crores)

Name of Project	CLA Demanded	CLA Sanctioned	First Instalment Released
Upper Krishna Stage I (Phase III) (Major)	100.00	100.00	50.00
Malaprabha (Major)	25.00	20.00	-
Hirehalla (Medium)	6.00	6.00	3.00
Ghataprabha Stage III (ERM)	30.00	25.00	-
Total	161.00	151.00	53.00

#### Ratio of Reservation

4064. SHRI N. K. PREMCHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the existing ratio of job reservation for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe candidates in Class I and Class II categories;

(b) whether the Government propose to raise the existing ratio; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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) Reservation is provided to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes at the rate of 15% and 7.5% respectively in all groups in direct recruitment by open competition and at the rates of 16.23% and 7.5 % respectively in direct recruitment otherwise than by open competition. Reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes wherever permissible in promotion, is at the rates of 15% and 7.5% respectively.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Growth Rate of Cereals

4065. SHRI M. RAJIAH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: