

Rs. 13.50 lakhs for the natural water pools. An amount of about Rs. 6.40 crores has been incurred on rehabilitation till 30.3.1998. Out of total 4008 families entitled for allotment of residential plots, 2402 plots have been allotted (upto 30.3.98).

[English]

IWDP Scheme

54. SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether hundreds of crores of rupees have been misappropriated under the Indo-Danish Comprehensive Watershed Development (IWDP) scheme in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the money under IWDP scheme in the backward districts of Koraput and Mallangiri being properly utilised;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government intend to conduct a CBI inquiry in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRISOMPAL) : (a) No, Sir. On the contrary the funds provided under the DANIDA assisted IWDP scheme has been properly utilised. Furthermore the project has been closely monitored by a full-time DANIDA Adviser, posted at Koraput and periodically visited by DANIDA Mission as also recently by the Hon'ble Ambassador of Denmark. Besides, the project has a strong element of peoples' participation mediated through formation of 85 Village Committees and active involvement of NGOs to help provide transparency with system.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f) Does not arise.

Retirement Age

55. SHRI TATHAGATA SATPATHY :
SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA :
SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have raised the recruitment and retirement age of the Central Government Employees;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the financial implications and adverse impact on employment generation?

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) and (b) The Government has taken a decision to increase the age of retirement and maximum age of recruitment to Central Government posts after taking into account the recommendations of the Pay Commission regarding increase in age of retirement and all other relevant factors like increasing trend of late marriages and longer education span, expectations of SC/ST and OBC employees/candidates, world wide trend to raise the age of retirement etc.

(c) The Ministries of Defence and Finance have estimated that the increase in the age of retirement by two years for the Civilian employees, the Armed Forces and the Central Police Organisations will result in an aggregate fiscal relief of about Rs. 5200 crores in a full year for two years. The increase in age of retirement is not likely to affect overall employment market adversely. Further according to data collected by Ministry of Finance roughly one-third of the employees in the Central Government already retire at the age of 60 years and therefore, vacancies in these cadres would continue to be available for fresh recruitment, further reducing impact on unemployment. Besides, with the opening up of the Private sector, the employment opportunities in infrastructure sectors like, Telecom, Power, Ports, etc. will grow further.

G.D.P. Growth Rate

56. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the average growth rate of Gross Domestic Product before and after Economic Reforms; and

(b) the sectoral shares of GDP during the last three years?

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) The average rate of growth of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at factor cost according to the latest estimates is 5.91 per cent per year for the Pre-Reform period of 1984-85 to 1990-91 and 6.48 per cent per year for the Post-Reform period of 1991-92 to 1997-98.

(b) A Statement indicating the sectoral shares of Agriculture, Industry and Services in GDP from 1984-85 to 1997-98 is enclosed.

Statement

	Sectoral Shares (at 1980-81 prices)		
	(% of GDP)		
	Agriculture	Industry	Services
	1	2	3
Pre-Reform			
1984-85	35.94	27.47	36.59
1985-86	34.63	27.61	37.76
1986-87	32.63	28.41	38.96