

(b) the number of proposals received the approval of the Central Government ;

(c) whether the Government of Tripura has sent any proposal for strengthening the protection of Assam-Agartala Road (N.H. 44); and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure proper protection of this life line of the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Government of Tripura has submitted several proposals which include request for sanction of additional funds under the Central Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces, allocation of additional arms and ammunition, reimbursement of Security-related expenditure, strengthening of Mobile Task Force and allotment of bullet-proof vehicles.

(b) So far two proposals regarding additional funds under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces and allocation of arms and ammunition have been approved by the Central Government.

(c) and (d) Yes. Sir. 36 Gypsies, arms and ammunition worth Rs. 1.23 crores were released in kind to the Government of Tripura for protection of National Highway-44. Additional funds amounting to Rs. 100 lakhs was sanctioned during 1996-97 specifically for procurement of radio communication equipment for use by Tripura Police.

#### **World bank IBRD/IDA Assistance for Agriculture Sector**

2015. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :  
SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the world bank has announced a package programme to the State of Andhra Pradesh for agriculture sector ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether a package of 325 million dollars loan will be provided by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and \$150 Million will be provided by the IDA;

(d) if so, the details of main projects that will be undertaken from this loan;

(e) the extent to which the agricultural productivity will be improved;

(f) whether the projects consolidate the Andhra Pradesh efforts to better utilise the scarce water resources available to its drought prone and economically less developed inland regions;

(g) if so, whether any concrete programme in this regard has been worked out; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) The World Bank has announced a package programme of \$325 million to the State of Andhra Pradesh for irrigation in connection with AP-III Irrigation Project, which is being implemented by the Ministry of Water Resources.

(c) and (d) Under the Agreement dated 3.6.97 the World Bank has agreed to provide an assistance of US \$325 million (IDA Credit US \$ 150 Million and IBRD Loan US \$175 million) for Andhra Pradesh III Irrigation Project comprising of Sriramasagar and Srisaillam right Branch Canal sub-projects which are expected to be completed by 31.1.2003. The project effectiveness date is 3.7.1997. The component wise utilisation of above assistance will be 80% for irrigation works, 2.5% for agriculture support services, 5% for resettlement and rehabilitation programme, 7.5% for environmental management plan and 5% for Dam Safety Assurance Works.

(e) and (f) Assistance to GOAP for rehabilitation and completion of Sriramasagar Project (SRSP) 253,000 ha. command area and completion of the 65,000 ha. Srisaillam Right Branch Canal (SRBC) project begun under the AP II project would add 153,000 ha. to the surface irrigation commands in AP. The location of the command area of the SRBC is the Rayalaseema Region whereas the location for the SRSP, it is the Telenzana Region. The agricultural objective of these works is to promote the production of high value cash crops in upland irrigation schemes by improved water delivery, applied farming systems research, irrigation agronomy extension and farmer training. These inputs would result in significant incremental agricultural production.

(g) and (h) In respect of Sriramasagar Project and Srisaillam Right Branch Canal of Andhra Pradesh III, year wise targets have been fixed for the implementation of project to be completed by 31.7.2003.

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#### **Industry Status to Sheep Shearing**

2016. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether sheep shearing has been given the status of industry ;

(b) if so, whether the Government provide assistance for this purpose ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?