

(a) the initial projected cost of the ambitious Konar Canal Irrigation Project (1978) of North Chhotanagpur in Bihar and the revised cost thereof at present;

(b) whether the construction work of the said canal is not being undertaken at present;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to complete the Konar Canal Irrigation Project at the earliest; and

(e) if so, the time limit fixed for it ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) The initial estimated cost of the project in 1971 was Rs. 11.43 crores. The revised cost as in 1988 was Rs. 187.67 crores.

(b) to (e) An amount of Rs. 77.90 crores has been spent upto March, 1994 without creating any irrigation potential so far. As the State Government has not complied with the observations of all the Central appraising agencies, the project has not been given investment clearance by the Planning Commission. The completion of the project will depend upon the priority attached to it by the State Government.

[English]

Posts Lying Vacant

5569. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a good number of vacancies in group 'D' post in the reserved categories of Scheduled Castes

and Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes have been lying vacant in All India Institute of Medical Sciences since long;

(b) if so, the details of all such vacancies which are to be filled up through direct recruitment; and

(c) the action taken by the concerned authority to fill up the same ?

THE MINISTER OF TAXILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) to (c) There are about 119 posts reserved for SC/ST and OBC in Group 'D' lying vacant in the institute. Out of these, 84 posts are of Sanitary Attendant Gr. II and Hospital Attendant Gr. III. The All India Institute of Medical Sciences has informed that action is under process to fill up the posts as per the prescribed procedure.

Irrigated Area

5570. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the details of irrigated area of land in the country during each of the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Plan period alongwith the target fixed for Ninth Plan State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : Land Use Statistics are brought out by the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation. These statistics show only yearwise figures of irrigated areas through various sources. However, details of potential created for irrigation through major & Medium and Minor Irrigation projects during Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Five Year Plans are given in attached statement.

The targets for Ninth Five Year Plan have not been finalised by the Planning Commission.

Statement

Statewise Irrigation potential created during Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Five Year Plans

		(In thousand Hectares)			
		V	VI	VII	VII
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	543.00	666.0	545.00	487.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	*	15.0	17.0
3.	Assam	47.0	112.0	192.0	28.0
4.	Bihar	862.0	1182.0	1203.0	1025.0
5.	Goa	-	45.3	14.9	6.0