

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Central Government is implementing a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme—"Modern Forest Fire Control Methods" in eleven states (U.P., M.P., H.P., Tamilnadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Orissa, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Gujarat) through which Government is providing funds to the states for creating of firelines, construction of fire watch towers, purchase of communication equipments, fire tenders and fire fighting equipments. During the VIII Five Year Plan 7.37 crores rupees were spent. During 1997-98 an outlay of Rs. 2.10 crores has been budgetted.

Defence Academy Exams

884. SHRI MANIÐHAI RAMJIBHAI CHAUDHARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the question papers of Defence Academy Exams are prepared in English only;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to make arrangement to prepare the question papers of the said exams in India languages also; and

(c) if so, the time by which and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A proposal to introduce multi-lingual system of examination for all the Services including Defence Academy Exams for which selection is made by the Union

Public Service Commission, based on the recommendations of Dr. Satish Chandra Committee, is presently under examination in the Department of Personnel and Training.

[*English*]

Irrigation Projects in West Bengal

885. SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of on-going medium and major irrigation projects in West Bengal;

(b) the progress made in this regard so far;

(c) the total irrigation potential likely to increase on completion of projects; and

(d) the details of irrigation projects pending with the Union Government for approval and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) A statement is enclosed.

(c) The total irrigatin potential likely to be created on completion of the above ongoing projects is 1618.22 Th. Ha.

(d) Government of West Bengal has submitted a modified proposal of "Modernisation of Kangsabati reservoir project" to Central Water Commission in October, 1996. The comments of Central Water Commission have been communicated to the State Government for compliance.

Statement

Details of Ongoing Major and Medium Irrigation Projects

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Latest estimated cost	Expenditure made upto	Ultimate potential	Potential created upto end of Annual Plan 95-97	
		(Rs. in crores)	3/97 (Rs. in crores)	(Th.Ha.)	Potential (Th.Ha.)	Utilisation (Th.Ha.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Major Projects						
1.	Barr. of Irr. System	60.00	56.68	515.38	485.00	461.20
DVC						
2.	Kangsabati Project	205.41	186.73	401.66	398.20	353.15
3.	Teesta Barr.	1117.00	685.26	533.52	99.61	61.45
St-I Ph-I						
4.	Subernrekha Barr.	595.00	17.68	130.00	0.00	0.00
Medium Projects						
1.	Hinglon	14.50	13.60	12.38	12.38	12.33