

(c) While Kaiga-2 is planned to go critical during April 1999, Kaiga-1 is likely to go critical sometime later.

Production of Kinnu

3068. ER. SHANKAR PANNU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the production of Kinnu; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under the Central Sector Scheme of Development of Tropical, Temperate and Arid Zone Fruits, being implemented by the Government, assistance is being provided for increasing the productivity and production of fruit including kinnu through various measures such as supply of quality planting material, rejuvenation of senile orchards, training of farmers besides area expansion.

Projects Under MPLAD Scheme

3069. SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects recommended out of the MPLADS Fund in the Union Territory of Chandigarh during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99;

(b) the number of approved, ongoing and completed projects and the amount spent on each project separately;

(c) whether Government have received any complaints regarding delay in implementation of these projects; and

(d) if so, the action being taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

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 PANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) and (b) As per information received from the District Administration, 118 projects have been recommended out of MPLADS funds in the Union Territory of Chandigarh during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 out of which 56 projects have been approved for execution, 14 projects have been completed and 6 projects are under execution. Scheme-wise details of amount spent are available with the District Administration.

(c) and (d) District administration have also informed that there is some delay in execution of works due to delay in submission of estimates by the executing agencies. They have been advised by the Chandigarh, administration to provide estimates at the earliest.

[Translation]

Pashulok Barrage

3070. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether gate No. 4 of Barrage dam at Pashulok in Rishikesh, Uttar Pradesh has recently stopped functioning;

(b) if so, the extent of loss caused by stoppage;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Indian Foreign Service

3071. DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA
SHRI ADITYANATH

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total hours of training fixed for providing knowledge of the main aspects of Indian culture to the probationers of Indian Foreign Service;

(b) whether the said time fixed for the training is inadequate;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to increase the time for such training keeping in view the need of it;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?