

artists from western districts of Orissa to record their programme at Sambalpur. They have to come all the way to Cuttack to record their programmes. Doordarshan Kendra, Cuttack has not been able to produce adequate number of programmes projecting the rich cultural traditions of the western district of Orissa. Despatch of video tapes to and from Sambalpur HPT at regular interval, is still continuing and Doordarshan Kendra, Cuttack is unable to produce programme at short notice. In order to avoid these irregularities, it is necessary to have the studio facilities at Sambalpur. The auxiliary TV studio may not be able to serve the entire purpose of recording and production of programmes.

As such, I request for the establishment of a full-fledged TV studio at Sambalpur without any further delay.

(iii) **Need to clear the proposals for irrigation projects submitted by Uttar Pradesh Government.**

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAMPAL SINGH (Domariaganj): Uttar Pradesh is backward in the matter of irrigation. The total area of agricultural land in the State is 257 lakh hectares out of which 103 lakh hectares of land is under irrigation and the remaining 154 lakh hectares of land is under irrigation and the remaining 154 lakh hectares land remain unirrigated. The State Government has sent a number of irrigation schemes to the Central Government for bringing unirrigated land under irrigation.

On 5th September a meeting between M.Ps. of Uttar Pradesh and the Union Minister of Water Resources was held for the implementation of these schemes. In the said meeting most of the M.Ps were of the view that the Central Government should give clearance to third phase of Uttar Pradesh tube well project to be implanted with the

World Bank assistance. Under this scheme there is a proposal to set up 1000 new tubewells. Modernise 500 old tubewells and to connect 1500 old tubewells with independent power feeds. The estimated cost of this project is Rs. 200 crore. With the implementation of this project approximately 2 lakh hectares of additional land could be brought under irrigation. The most important thing is that the farmers will receive water soon from these tubewells and it will increase the food grain production and improve the economic condition of farmers in the State.

Therefore, I request the Central Government to give clearance to the third phase of the Government tube well project to be implemented with World bank Assistance.

(iv) **Need for uniform scales and service conditions for all categories of scientists working with Indian Council for Agricultural Research.**

SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA (Chatra): Sir, 4500 scientists are working in the Indian Council for Agriculture Research, out of these, 500 are veterinary scientists. Scientists of both the types are appointed by the same board on the same conditions. Recently when the post of the Director General was laying vacant, the veterinary scientists are being given 600 to 800 rupees more without the consent of the Finance Department. Due to it discontentment has soared among the rest of the scientists and nearly 300 scientists have resigned and went away somewhere else during the last 2-3 years. The Finance department has expressed dissatisfaction on this increase of pay.

Therefore, my submission to the Central Government is that the disparity of pay among both the types of scientists should be removed. The conditions for promotions to both the scientists should also be the same.