

Expenditure on the Mahi Irrigation Project

*957. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure to be incurred on the Mahi Irrigation Project in Madhya Pradesh and the time by which its construction is likely to be completed;

(b) the number of districts likely to be irrigated and the area in each district to be brought under irrigation as a result of this project; and

(c) the number of villages likely to be submerged as a result of construction of this project and whether a representation from the residents of these villages has been received?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR PANDAY): (a) The cost of the Mahi Irrigation Project of Madhya Pradesh as finalised in May 1980 is Rs. 25.51 crores. According to the project report, the work is programmed to be completed in a period of 6 years including pre-construction period of one year from the date of commencement of the project. The expenditure on the project upto March 1980 is Rs. 26.00 lakhs. The State Government have made a provision of only Rs. 800 lakhs during the Sixth Plan (1980—85).

(b) According to the Project Report, the districts benefited and area to be irrigated in each district are as follows:—

Name of District	Area to be irrigated annually
	ha.
Dhar	7306
Jhabua	17350
Total	24,656

(c) In the project report it has been stated that 20 villages will be affected. The submergence area lies in Petalawadi Tehsil of Jhabua district and Sardarpur of Dhar district. No representation has been received in the Centre from the residents of the area likely to be affected by submerision.

Discovery of Gas in Proto Novo near Pondicherry

*958. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL:

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gas has been struck by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission in the Proto Novo Offshore site, near Pondicherry on the Eastern Coast;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to speedily utilize this valuable natural resources without any wastage; and

(c) how the gas found in Godavari basin was utilized?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir, but only after assessing the commercial potentiality of the gas find.

(c) Gas found in Godavari offshore has not been utilised, as full potential of the field and its commercial viability has yet to be assessed.

Transmission from Patna Radio Station

*959. SHRI D. L. BAITHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that transmission from Patna Radio Station is

very weak disturbed and programmes of the Station are not received by receiving sets;

(b) if so, the measures Government propose to take for the undisturbed powerful transmission from the Station;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Station has no short wave transmission;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to arrange for the short wave transmission from the station also; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). The Patna Station of All India Radio is equipped with a 20 KW MW transmitter which is functioning well and provides primary coverage to a large area of Bihar. No serious interference is reported on this transmitter.

(c) to (e). At present AIR Patna has no shortwave transmitter. A proposal for the setting up of a 50 KW SW transmitter at this Station is being considered for inclusion in the future development plans for AIR. Implementation will depend upon the availability of resources and relative priorities.

**Permanent centre for Delhi
Doordarshan**

*960. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government for a permanent Centre for Delhi Doordarshan; and

(b) if so; the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND

SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal to construct a permanent studio cum-office building at Mandi House at a cost of Rs. 8 crores has been included in the draft Plan 1980-85 proposals. Its implementation will, however, depend on approval of the Plan, availability of resources and relative priorities.

**Charity Premiers of Award Winning
Films**

*961. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to hold charity premiers of the award winning film to provide assistance for the charity fund in aid of handicapped, disabled, blind and other needy persons such as diseased patients etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Payments made by Consumers to
DESU in Respect of Time-Barred
Claims**

7698. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 50 on 11th March, 1979 regarding non-replacement of burnt meters in Delhi and state:

(a) the number of cases where payments were made by the DESU consumers from more than 3 years old time-barred claims under duress in the R. K. Puram District;

(b) whether despite repeated requests no action has been taken