

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

World Bank aid for Irrigation Projects

*580. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank team led by Mr. Clausen, which recently visited India, reviewed a number of irrigation schemes aided or proposed to be aided by the Bank;

(b) if so, which schemes were reviewed by the team; and

(c) whether the Rajasthan Canal Project was also reviewed by it and if so, how much more aid from the Bank was sought for completion thereof and what was the team's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c). During the recent visit of Mr. A.W. Clausen, President of the World Bank, broad issues relating to development of irrigation were discussed, but there was no review of specific irrigation projects.

Naval Training Centre at Kolavay Lake, Tamil Nadu

*581. SHRI ERA ANBARASU : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a Naval Training Centre at Kolavay Lake in Chengalpur District in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN) : (a) and (b). The Government has been considering to shift the Naval Academy from its present location at Cochin to some more suitable

site. Number of sites are under consideration including one at Chingleput in Tamil Nadu. All aspects of the matter are being considered carefully and a final decision about the new site of the Naval Academy would be taken in due course.

Opposition by Employees' Organisations to proposal regarding impounding of D.A.

*582. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN :

SHRI DAYA RAM SHAKYA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of employees' organisations have expressed opposition to Government's proposal to impound Dearness Allowance for Central Government employees till 1983 ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what are the objections raised by these organisations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAWAI SINGH SISODIA) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A large number of Central Government Employees' organisations have accepted the Government's decision to pay the arrears upto February, 1982 of the D. A. instalments due from 1-8-1981, 1-10-1981, 1-11-81 and 1-1-1982 into the Provident Fund Accounts of the employees. Some Employees organisations however have expressed opposition to it on the ground that such a course of action in the past did not lead to any large improvement in the economic situation but only resulted in hardship to low-paid employees.