

to supply to Maharashtra in respect of major, medium and minor irrigation schemes?

**SHRI KEDAR NATH SINGH:** Sir, in the Fifth Five Year Plan it is proposed to spend Rs. 232 crores in respect of continuing schemes; Rs. 119 crores for new schemes and Rs. 24 crores for research and investigation.

#### Development of National Park in Gujarat

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\*469. **SHRI VEKARIA:**  
**SHRI D. P. JADEJA:**

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position in regard to development of National Park in Gunagarh in Gujarat State;

(b) the area earmarked; and

(c) the measure taken for the rehabilitation of the persons who live in that area?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE):** (a) and (b). The entire Gir forest measuring 1412 sq. km. has been declared as a Sanctuary. Of this, an area of 140.40 Sq. Km. is in the process of being constituted as a National Park. Preliminary Notification under Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972 has been issued and a final Notification will follow on completion of Collector, Gunagarh's enquiry regarding rights etc. In the National Park no grazing or exploitation will be allowed.

(c) There are about 840 Maudhari (nomad graziers) families with about 17000 cattle heads lying in temporary settlements within the Gir Sanctuary area. So far 92 families have been shifted and by the end of the Vth Five Year Plan this work is expected to be completed. The State Government is giving 8 acres of land per family, residential accommodation etc. at the site where they are being rehabilitated.

**SHRI VEKARIA:** Sir, in regard to part (c) of my question, the Minister has replied that 92 families out of 840 families have been resettled. I would like to know, what are the reasons for the delay in the resettlement? There is another thing. During the last three years, not a single family has been resettled in this area. What are the reasons for not resettling these families at the earliest?

**SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE:** Sir, there are no difficulties about resettlement. Separate lands have been reserved by the Government of Gujarat for resettlement of these families. But, there is reluctance. This is natural. All of us are human beings and we can understand that. People are reluctant to migrate from one area to another. The Gujarat Government is trying to persuade the farmers, these graziers, to migrate from this area to other areas.

**SHRI VEKARIA:** Sir, the main intention of the Government to declare this sanctuary as the National Park was to save the wild life specially the lions. Sir, the population of lions is decreasing day by day. I would like to know, what steps Government proposes to take to save the wild life specially the lions in this area?

**SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE:** Sir the reason why the Wild Life Protection Act has been enacted by this august House was to give proper protection to the wild life including lions. It is true that there has been some decrease in the population of lions recently. In 1950, it was 200, in 1963 it was 285 and in 1968, it came down to 177. As a result of this sanctuary proposed, the population is expected to go up.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Problems of Gandak area

\*470. **SHRI BIBHUTI MISHRA:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item appearing in the 'Indian Nation'

dated the 22nd February, 1975 published from Patna under the heading "Problems of Gandak area" that the World Bank expert, Dr. D. Campbell has visited Gandak area in connection with waterlogging and seepage, along with various other problems from Valmikinagar to Motihari;

(b) if so, whether the World Bank expert has visited the area at the instance of Central Government;

(c) the report of the expert and the extent World Bank envisages to give aid; and

(d) Central Government's reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) to (d). The Government have been the news item appearing in Indian Nation, Patna dated 22-2-1975.

2. The question of obtaining financial assistance for the development of the selected irrigation command areas in the country has been under correspondence with the World Bank (IDA) for some time past. It was indicated by them in January, 1975 that a Mission headed by Mr. D. Campbell would visit this country to study the requirements of such projects in respect of command area development programme. On the basis of studies the Bank will decide upon the size, contents and sequence of the projects to be taken up for World Bank (IDA) assistance. In pursuance of this, a World Bank Mission visited a number of irrigation projects including the Gandak project in Bihar, during the months of January-February, 1975. The Mission visited the Gandak Project area in Bihar from Valmikinagar to Motihari from 13th to 15th February, 1975, and subsequently had discussions at Patna about various items to be tackled in the project area including the problem of drainage. The Mission is expected to pay further visits before they finalise their recommendations to the World Bank. It is, therefore, not possible to indicate at this stage the

amount of financial assistance that might be provided the World Bank for command area development of Gandak project in Bihar.

#### Night Schools in Gujarat

\*471. SHRI ARVIND M. PATEL: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of night schools functioning in Gujarat State, District-wise, for uneducated elders, and the persons who could not find time during the day;

(b) the number of persons getting this education in each District; and

(c) the amount spent on this scheme during the year 1973-74?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### मध्य प्रदेश के छत्तीसगढ़ क्षेत्र में भूख से मृत्यु

472. श्री फूल चन्द बर्मा : क्या कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश के छत्तीसगढ़ क्षेत्र में अकाल और सूखे के कारण अभी तक कितने लोगों की भूख से मृत्यु हुई है तथा कितने लोग छत्तीसगढ़ को छोड़ कर अन्य स्थानों को चले गये हैं, और

(ख) केन्द्रीय सरकार ने अकाल की स्थिति से निपटने के लिए मध्य प्रदेश सरकार को अभी तक क्या सुविधाएं दी हैं तथा अभिव्यक्ति में दी जाने वाली सहायता का व्यौरा क्या है ?