

Narmada and Mahi irrigation projects to save the situation ; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

(b) Five.

(c) Rs. 14.97 lakhs for 1967-68.

(d) Four.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir. A depression has been observed in the regional water table in Parts of Mehsana due to limited recharge to the aquifer.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Mahi project is already under implementation. Efforts are being made to resolve the Narmada dispute early by negotiation, failing which recourse to adjudication has to be taken.

Modern Bakeries (India) Ltd.

*873. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the authorised capital of the Modern Bakeries (India) Ltd .,

(b) the number of bakeries run by the Company ;

(c) the total turn-over of the Company during the last financial year ; and

(d) the number of bakeries under construction by the Modern Bakeries (India) Limited ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Rs. 1 crore.

Anti-Indian Propaganda By Peking Radio

1874. SHRI SAMAR GUHA :

SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Peking Radio has a special daily broadcast programme for the Indian people and whether such programme includes regular features of vitriolic attack on India's democracy ;

(b) if so, the basic theme and object of such anti-Indian propaganda by China ; and

(c) whether the All India Radio broadcasts any programme for the Chinese people inside China and therein includes features to counter anti-Indian propaganda by the Peking Radio ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Propaganda by China attacks India's economic, political and social programmes and minimises India's democratic achievements in different fields.

(c) Yes, Sir. AIR's external services include daily service in Cantonese and Kuoyu of one hour's duration.

Digging of Irrigation Wells

*876. SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any machinery to assist the peasants to locate the availability of ground water to dig irrigation wells ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b) . A Statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

With a view to carrying out surveys to delineate groundwater worthy areas which may not contain enough groundwater potential to justify investigation through the Central Exploratory Tubewells Organization, but may yet offer for groundwater extraction through dug-wells, dug-cum-bore wells and shallow tubewells, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for groundwater survey and investigations was initiated in the year 1966-67. The main objectives of the schemes were as follows :

- (i) Providing technical guidance to the cultivators in such matters as (i) type, safe spacing of dug-wells/tubewells ; (ii) scope, type and manner of boring and deepening of the dug-wells for augmenting their discharges ; (iii) selection of suitable water lifting appliances for installation of wells ; and
- (ii) regulating construction of wells/tubewells so that there is no undue risk of over-draft and failure of the wells.

This programme envisaged setting up of groundwater cells in the States to collect and collate groundwater data from various sources and serve the immediate needs of the groundwater development programme in the States by providing various important guidelines regarding silting, drilling, and spacing of wells/tubewells etc. Several States like Haryana, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Maha-

rashtra, Mysore, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan have already set up their groundwater cells and the other States are in the process of doing so.

Quality of Indian Films

*879. SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian films, in their theme and presentative compare favourably with films produced in the West and U.S.S.R.

(b) if not, the steps which have been taken to improve the quality of Indian films ; and

(c) the results achieved so far in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : Every film whether produced in India or abroad has naturally its own theme and manner and quality of presentation. Therefore, a generalised comparison between Indian films and films produced in different countries in the West and in USSR will not be appropriate. The best Indian films compare favourably with and the best film produced in the West and the USSR and those have received international recognition at several Film Festivals.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Unemployed Agricultural Labour

*882. SHRI SHRI CHAND GOYAL : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are contemplating to take any measures to provide