

basic amenities in Hyderabad at an estimated cost of Rs. 913 crores. The proposal has been recommended by this Ministry to the Planning Commission. No final decision has been arrived at regarding size of project and pattern of funding.

Amrahat Pump Canal Plan in Kanpur

4625. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have altogether dropped the 2nd Phase of Amrahat Pump Canal plan at Pukhrain in Kanpur Dehat, promised to be completed within 24 months by late Shri Rajiv Gandhi in 1989; and

(b) if not, what is the present schedule of its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON):

(a) and (b) Amrahat pump canal scheme Stage-II estimated to cost Rs. 18.75 crores is a new scheme included in VIII Plan with an outlay of Rs. 5 crores. The State Government is required to send the project report to the Centre to secure investment clearance.

Delay in granting approval of irrigation projects in Tamil Nadu

4626. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the delay in granting approval to a number of major irrigation projects in Tamil Nadu resulted in cost escalation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide special assistance during the Eighth Five Year Plan for their early completion; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON):

(a) and (b) The investment clearance to a project submitted by the State Government depends upon how soon it complies with the observations of the various Approving Agencies to establish techno-economic feasibility of the project and obtains clearances from the Ministry of Environment & Forests on environment and forests angles and from the Ministry of Welfare on rehabilitation and resettlement aspects if the construction of the project involves displacement of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes population. The escalation in cost of a project can be considered only after the project receives investment clearance. The execution of the project is the responsibility of the State Government and its completion is delayed mainly due to non-availability of adequate funds.

(c) and (d) VIII Plan strategy lays emphasis on completion of on-going irrigation projects. The Planning Commission has allocated an outlay of Rs. 260 crores for major and medium irrigation schemes in Tamil Nadu for VIII Plan.

Irrigation projects received from Tamil Nadu

4627. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals of major and medium irrigation projects received by the Central Government from the Government of Tamil Nadu during each of the last three years;

(b) the proposals which have since been approved by the Central Government; and

(c) the time by which the remaining proposals are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON):

(a) No irrigation scheme of Tamil Nadu has been received in Central Water Commission during the last 3 years for techno-economic appraisal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Inter-linking of major rivers

4628. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a national perspective for the transfer of water from water surplus areas to water deficit areas;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have undertaken any detailed studies on inter-linking of major rivers in each component;

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

(e) what are the details of targets envisaged in the Eighth Plan and to what extent additional irrigation potential through major, medium and minor irrigation schemes have been created so far during the first two years of the Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A National Perspective for Water Resources Development prepared by Government envisages inter-linkages between various Peninsular rivers and Himalayan rivers separately for transfer of water from water rich basins to water short basins for optimum utilisation of water resources. Government has established National Water Development Agency (NWDA) in 1982 for firming up these proposals.

(c) and (d) A total of 36 water transfer links, 17 under Peninsular component and 19 under Himalayan component have been identified by National Water Development Agency. Out of these, office studies of 12 links under Peninsular component have been completed. In addition field survey & investigation work in respect of 3 links under Peninsular component taken up during 1991-92 are programmed for completion in 1993-94.

(e) Office studies of balance 5 links under Peninsular component and all the 19 links under Himalayan component have been included in the VIII Plan. In addition field survey & investigation of 9 links of Peninsular component and 3 links of Himalayan component have been included in the VIII Plan programme of the Agency. Creation of additional irrigation potential depends on how soon schemes are investigated, projects formulated with consensus between concerned States and executed as joint project of such states.

Irrigation projects undertaken by Government

4629. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of irrigation projects which were undertaken by Government in Northern States of the country during Seventh Plan period alongwith the cost of each, number of hectares of agricultural land, the particular number of population in each district have been benefited by their irrigation facilities;

(b) what are the details of on-going irrigation project in the Northern States as on date and the amount spent in each so far and the target date of completing the same; and