

(b) if so, when, and what are the proposals put forward by different States;

(c) the names of those schemes; and

(d) by when these schemes are likely to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir, on 14-1-1988 The salient features/proposals are as follows:

(i) Maintenance of the Piprasi-Piprahata embankment.

(ii) Diversion of surplus Ganga flood waters to Yamuna basin.

(iii) Bank protection works below Farakka Barrage on the Ganga on the right bank, and sharing of its costs.

(iv) Sharing of cost of bank protection works of river Ganga at Mansi and Narayanpur.

(v) Release of surplus water from Tenukhat Dam for boro paddy crop in DVC command.

(vi) Regulated development of Diara land.

(d) The Board has been pursuing these matters with all concerned.

Irrigation Schemes of West Bengal

4298. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of irrigation schemes from West Bengal which are lying with the Central Government for approval;

(b) since when these are lying pending;

(c) the estimated cost of each scheme; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to clear these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (d) Subernarekha Barrage Project and Modernisation of Kangsabati Project estimated to cost Rs. 226 crores and Rs. 311 crores respectively have been considered by the Advisory Committee in January, 1988 and found acceptable subject to the State Government obtaining the environment clearance. In the case of the former project, concurrence of State Finance Department for the latest cost is also required. Ajoy Reservoir and Dwarka Keshwari-Gangheswari Reservoir projects estimated to cost Rs. 102 crores and Rs. 84 crores respectively have been examined and comments on the same have been sent to the State Government for compliance. These two projects are not included in the Seventh Plan.

Projects behind schedule

4299. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU : Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether some major projects in Power, Coal, Steel and Fertiliser sectors are behind schedule due to disputes relating to land and environment clearance and delayed equipment;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to avoid further delay in the clearance of these projects; and

(c) the investment involved in such projects?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. According to the information available in the Ministry of Programme Implementation some of the major projects, each costing over Rs. 100 crores in the power, fertilisers, coal and steel have suffered delay due to various factors, including delays in land acquisition and in environmental clearances/equipment supply. The total investment anticipated in these projects is of the order of Rs. 25,000 crores.

2. Various steps taken by Government to expedite completion of the projects *inter alia* include—

Setting up of Task Force/Empowered Committees for problem solving and speedy implementation of projects.

Close follow up by concerned Ministries and project authorities with State Governments, equipment suppliers, contractors, consultants and other concerned agencies to minimise delays.

Inter-ministerial coordination and interaction.

Issue of detailed guidelines to facilitate the environmental clearance.

Setting up of Integrated Circuits Design Centres

4300. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision

to set up ten Integrated Circuits Design Centres in the country; and

(b) if so, the details and locations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With a view to upgrading the technology of the indigenous electronics equipment, Department of Electronics, Government of India has decided to set up 10 LSI/ VLSI Design Centres in different parts of the country. The locations— which have been decided on the basis of the concentration and distribution of electronic equipment industry in the country areas as follows

Bangalore (the existing DOE Design Centre would be augmented), Hyderabad, Madras, Trivandrum, Pune, Baroda, NOIDA (Delhi), Lucknow, Calcutta and Bhubaneswar.

These centres will enable the design of Application Specific Integrated Circuits (ASICs) to cater to the needs of the electronics equipment industry. The ASICs design by these centres would be fabricated at Semiconductor Complex Limited (SCL)/Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)/Indian Telephone Industries (ITI) and, if necessary, at foreign foundries. These centres are expected to be set up by November, 1988.