

Delay in promotions in P&T Department

976. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY:

SHRI LADLI MOHAN NIGAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two promotion schemes of the P&T Department, covering lakhs of P&T Employees who have reached the maximum of their pay scales are pending with Government for long; and

(b) if so, what decision, if any, has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) The scheme of two promotions in one's career is under consideration of the Government.

(b) No decision has been taken so far.

Disease affecting coconut trees

977. SHRI K. CHATUNNI

MASTER:

SHRI ABDUL REHMAN SHAIKH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact spreading of disease to coconut and orange plantation in Kerala;

(b) whether the Government of Kerala have sought any financial assistance from the Central Government recently to fight the diseases; and

(c) if so, the quantum of Central assistance given or proposed to be given to the State Government for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir, so far as the coconut root wilt and leaf roset disease is concerned.

(b) Yes, Sir, so far as the coconut disease is concerned.

(c) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Rejuvenation of diseased and unproductive coconut plantation in Kerala State has been under implementation since 1977-78. Under this scheme supply of hybrid coconut seedlings and fertilizers for the new plantings are offered to the growers at 50 per cent subsidised cost to under plant and replant Root Wilt affected coconut gardens. During the years 1977-78 and 1978-79, Central assistance (100 per cent) to the tune of Rs. 38.44 lakhs to cover a total of 19,800 hectares was sanctioned to the State. From 1979-80 the expenditure for the scheme is being shared on an equal basis between the Government of India and the State Government. During 1979-80 Government of India's Share of expenditure was Rs. 5.190 lakhs to cover a total of 11000 hectares. During the Sixth Plan period 1980-81 to 1984-85 a total financial outlay of Rs. 101.180 lakhs has been provided.

Review reports on the impact of Farakka Agreement

978. SHRI PRAKASH MEHROTRA:

SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI:

SHRI NARASINGHA PRASAD NANDA:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the review reports between India and Bangladesh the impact of Farakka Agreement between the two countries was also discussed, if so, what are the facts in this regard; and

(b) what are the various points of disagreement in the recent review Committee meeting, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Inter-Governmental meeting to conduct the first review had its first meeting in Dacca between 5th and 7th November, 1980 and its second meeting at New Delhi between the 7th and 9th