

are free to allocate and utilise the same on various schemes according to the requirements/priorities determined by them.

World Conference on agrarian reform and rural development

617. SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the world conference on agrarian reform and rural development is likely to be held in Rome this year;

(b) if so, what are the names of the participating countries; and

(c) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The conference will be attended by F.A.O. member States and non-F.A.O. but U.N. member States.

(c) The conference has been called to draw up a plan for concerted national and inter-national effort to overcome rural backwardness through improvement of economic, social and environmental conditions in rural areas. The subjects likely to be discussed are:

(1) National Agrarian Reforms and Rural Development Policies and strategies for 1980s.

(2) Access to the better utilisation of land, water and other natural resources.

(3) Peoples participation in rural development.

(4) Integration of women in rural development.

(5) Access to inputs, markets and services.

(6) Development of non-farm rural activities.

(7) Education, training and extension.

(8) International policies relevant to agrarian Reforms and Rural Development.

मिर्जापुर जिले के पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों के लिये सिंचाई योजनाएँ

618. श्रीमती जमुना देवी :

श्री बी० सत्यनारायण रेड्डी :

श्री रामेश्वर सिंह :

क्या कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि मिर्जापुर जिले के पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों के लिये केन्द्र द्वारा प्रायोजित कितनी सिंचाई योजनाएँ अनुमोदित की गयी हैं और उन्हें कब तक कार्यान्वित किये जाने की सम्भावना है ?

† [Irrigation schemes for the hilly areas of Mirzapur District

618. SHRIMATI JAMUNA DEVI:
SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN
REDDY;
SHRI RAMESHWAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state what is the number of Centrally sponsored irrigation schemes approved in respect of the hilly areas of Mirzapur District and by when the same are likely to be implemented?

कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्री (श्री सुरजित सिंह बरनाला) : मिर्जापुर जिले में केन्द्रीय सेक्टर में सूखा-प्रवण क्षेत्र कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत 366.72 लाख रुपये की अनुमानित लागत वाली तीन मध्यम सिंचाई स्कीमें और 159.58 लाख रुपये के परिव्यय वाली कई लघु सिंचाई स्कीमें स्वीकृत की गयी हैं और राज्य द्वारा हाथ में ली गई हैं। इन स्कीमों के 1979 में पूरा हो जाने की संभावना है ?

[THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): Three medium irrigation schemes at an estimated cost of Rs. 366.72 lakhs and a number of minor irrigation schemes with an outlay of Rs. 159.58 lakhs have been approved and taken up by the State in the Mirzapur District under the Drought Prone Area Programme in the Central Sector. These schemes are likely to be completed in 1979.]

Opening of post offices in rural areas of Andhra Pradesh

619. SHRI GHOUSE MOHIUDDIN SHEIKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices proposed to be opened in Andhra Pradesh during the year 1979; and

(b) how many of them are likely to be opened in rural areas in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI): (a) 350 Post Offices are proposed to be opened in Andhra Pradesh during the year 1979.

(b) 300 Post Offices are likely to be opened in rural areas in that State, while 50 will be opened in urban areas.

Opening of telephone exchanges for Andhra Pradesh

620. SHRI GHOUSE MOHIUDDIN SHEIKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of telephone exchanges proposed to be opened in Andhra Pradesh during the year 1979; and

(b) what are the places selected for opening of these telephone exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI): (a) About 80.

(b) Places are being selected on a continuing basis in the light of:—

[] English Translation.

(i) adequate demands (10 to 20) for paid connections;

(ii) Availability of public power supply;

(iii) availability of suitable rented accommodation for the exchange.

(iv) financial viability of scheme.

S.T.D. system to connect coastal towns of Andhra Pradesh with New Delhi

621. SHRI GHOUSE MOHIUDDIN SHEIKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to connect the five towns of coastal region of Andhra Pradesh viz. Vishakhapatnam, Kakinada, Rajmundry, Guntur and Vijayawada with New Delhi through Subscriber Trunk Dialing (S.T.D.) System; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, STD service from these stations to Delhi is already available during concessional periods. The service in the reverse direction will be provided during the current year.

Installation of public telephone calls in Andhra Pradesh

622. SHRI GHOUSE MOHIUDDIN SHEIKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of long distance public telephones to be installed in Andhra Pradesh during the year, 1979; and

(b) how many of them are likely to be installed in the rural areas of that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI): (a) and (b) During the