

be available in the Plan 1978—83 and mode of financing the programme of vocationalisation are yet to be finalised.

(c) to (e) There is no proposal to amalgamate the vocational courses with the Polytechnic Diploma Courses. The All India Council for Technical Education has recommended that Diploma Courses to train middle level technicians in engineering disciplines in Polytechnics shall be of three year's duration after 10 plus. The vocational courses in various fields shall be organised at plus 2 stage after 10 years of school education and may be of 2 or more years of duration.

#### **Reconstitution of Central Prohibition Committee**

256. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently reconstituted the Central Prohibition Committee; and

(b) if so, what are the details regarding its composition, function etc. and by when its report is likely to be submitted to Government?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A copy of the notification giving details of the composition, functions etc. is enclosed. [See Appendix CVI, Annexure No. 24].

#### **Targets Fixed for Major and Medium Irrigation Projects**

257. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that monitoring of the major and medium irrigation projects is being done at the Central level; and

(b) if so, what are the targets fixed during the current financial year regarding the major and medium irrigation projects which are being financed by the Central Government, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Monitoring of only selected major irrigation projects has been taken up by the Centre.

(b) Irrigation is a State subject and funding of the major and medium irrigation works is largely done under the State Plans.

Selected medium irrigation schemes are being financed by the Centre under the Drought Prone Area Programme. A list of these schemes, State-wise, indicating allocations and irrigation potential is attached at Annexure. [See Appendix CVI, Annexure No. 25].

#### **Subsidy for Cereals for Public Distribution**

258. SHRI R. D. JAGTAP AVERGOANKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of subsidy per quintal being given for rice, wheat and coarse grains which are made available for public distribution;

(b) whether there is wide disparity in the amounts of subsidy given for rice and other foodgrains, and

(c) if so, whether it is proposed to increase the amount of subsidy in the case of rice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) According to Budget Estimates of 1978-79, the amounts of subsidy on rice, wheat and coarse