

Economic Resuscitation of West Bengal

257. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any master plan for the economic resuscitation of West Bengal;

(b) if so, whether Government have included it in the Fifth Plan of the country; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) to (c) While no "master" plans has been sent by the Government of West Bengal, draft proposals for the Fifth Five Year Plan have been received and discussed in the Planning Commission with the representatives of the State Government. No final decision has, however, been taken on the size of the State's Five Year Plan.

This will be possible only after a decision is taken on the report of the Sixth Finance Commission and further discussions are held on the State's resources for the Fifth Plan period, with the representatives of the State Administration.

Outlays for Fifth Plan of Manipur

258. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state the outlay for the Fifth Five Year Plan of Manipur as proposed by the State Government as well as by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): The State Government proposed an outlay of Rs. 239 crores in its draft Fifth Plan proposals. These were discussed in the Planning Commission with the representatives of the State Government. No final decision has, however, been taken on the size of the State's Plan,

After the Government has taken a decision on the award of the Sixth Finance Commission, the resources position of the State will be reassessed and thereafter, a decision will be taken on the size of the State's Plan for the Fifth Plan period.

Payment of fees to folk artists

259. DR. KUMARI SAROJINI KRISHNARAO BABAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Radio pays any fees to the folk artists for their programmes broadcast each time on the A.I.R.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINGHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total amount paid as rebroadcast fee during the period 1-4-1973 to 31-10-1973 was Rs. 9,489.25P.

(c) Does not arise.

Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes Employees in the Ministry of Planning

260. SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gazetted, class III and IV employees of scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and minority community (category and classwise) in the department;

(b) the total number of gazetted, class III & IV employees recruited during the last three years (year-wise);

(c) the total number of recruitment of gazetted class III & IV employees from the scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and minority community (category and classwise); and