

and by what time their reports are likely to be available;

(d) whether the seven-member committee will coordinate the work of these committees; and

(e) if not, the reasons for the appointment of this seven-member Committee?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) to (e) A six-member Committee of Ministers has been set up to recommend such changes as are required to improve administrative performance in relation to the requirements of the Plan. The Committee will adopt such procedures and methods of Work as it considers advisable.

ANNUAL PLAN OF BIHAR

174. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the annual plan of the State of Bihar for the year 1973-74 has been approved; and

(b) if so, the outlay, the growth targets—(agricultural, industrial, and per-capita income, and targets in respect of various social services, health, family planning, education etc., contemplated thereunder?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The outlay approved by the Planning Commission for the Annual Plan 1973-74—Bihar amounts to Rs. 133.04 crores. As regards the determination of physical targets in relation to the outlay approved, the Government of Bihar have been requested to furnish the same which, when received, will be placed on the Table of the House.

ALLOCATION OF FIFTH PLAN IN WEST BENGAL

175. SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI: SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: DR. R. K. CHAKRABARTI:

Will the minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of Fifth Plan investment as envisaged in the approach paper submitted by the State Planning Board of West Bengal;

(b) whether any final decision has been taken regarding allocation of Fifth Plan fund; and

(c) if not, by when the decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) In its Approach Paper, the State Planning Board of West Bengal has envisaged a total investment of Rs. 4600 crores during the Fifth Plan period.

(b) and (c) A final decision regarding the plan investments to be made in West Bengal will be available only when the details of the Fifth Five Year Plan have been finalised by the Planning Commission in consultation with the Central Ministries and the State Governments. It is anticipated that the required details will be available by the end of March, 1974.

MODIFICATION IN JOINT SECTOR STRATEGY

176. SHRI KALJ MUKHERJEE: SHRIMATI SAVITA BEHEN: SHRI GANESH LAL MALI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the precise manner in which the projected joint sector strategy for the Fifth Five Year Plan is a modification upon the joint sector visualised under the Industrial Policy Resolutions of 1948 and 1956;