

(b) if so, what is the total length of these canals and the acreage of land which will be irrigated by them?]

श्री फखरुद्दीन अली अहमद : सिंचाई तथा विद्युत मन्त्री (क) और (ख) मुख्य नहरों और शाखाओं की कुल 480 मील की लंबाई में से 397 मील की लंबाई पर काम पूरा हो चुका है। सारी नहर प्रणाली के पूरे होने पर 14 लाख एकड़ भूमि की सिंचाई होगी अर्थात् 7 लाख एकड़ मध्य प्रदेश में और उतनी ही राजस्थान में।

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) : (a) and (b) Against the total length of 480 miles of main canals and branches, work on 397 miles has been completed. On completion of the entire canal system, an area of 14 lakh acres, 7 lakh acres each in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, will be irrigated.]

CENTRAL SUBSIDY TO STATE GOVERNMENTS FOR D. \. TO STATE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

*186. SHRI M. M. DHARIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of subsidy paid by the Central Government to the States (State-wise) against the Dearness Allowance paid by the State Governments to their employees; and

(b) what is the criteria for such payment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) No subsidy is paid by the Central Government for this purpose.

L.I.C. CLERICAL STAFF

*187. SHRI Y. A. REDDY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the clerical staff of the Life Insurance Corporation, who are paid monthly salaries, are allowed to act as Agents of the Life Insurance Corporation; and

(b) if so, whether such action adversely affects the prospects of the whole-time Agents who are given only commission on their business?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. BHAGAT): (a) Yes Sir. Subordinate, clerical and supervisory staff other than Superintendents in the L.I.C. can act as agents under the Staff Regulations of the Corporation.

¹ (b) No Sir. The share of the employee-agents of the Corporation in the total business done by all agents has in recent years remained static around the figure of 2-2 per cent. The practice cannot, therefore, be said to affect adversely the prospects of whole-time Agents.

CONSTRUCTION OF CANAL AT CONFLUENCE OF SULEJ AND BEAS RIVERS

*188. SHRI P. ABRAHAM:
SHRI U. S. DUGAL:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct a canal from a pond near Harike Patan on the confluence of Sutle) and Beas rivers so as to provide water for irrigation to the lands for rehabilitation of families, uprooted in the recent Indo-Pakistan conflict; and

(b) if so, what progress has been achieved in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

St-\ FROSION AT VISAKHAPATNAM

*189. SHRI M. V. BHADRAM:
SHRI P. K. KUMARAN :

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that the sea erosion at Visakhapatnam is endangering the town; and