

Governments which have banned the use of plastic bags in their respective States are allowing only compostable plastic bags for applications such as plant nurseries, horticulture, agriculture etc. There is no specific scheme formulated by the Government for disbursement of funds to find alternatives to plastic.

#### **Allocation of coal to power companies**

†\*80. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the decline in coal allocation to power companies in the current financial year; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): (a) and (b) The domestic coal stock is maintained by Thermal Power Plants based on demand for generation. The coal based power generation during this fiscal of 2019-20 (upto 27.01.2020) has recorded a negative growth of 2.66% over the corresponding period of last year. The domestic coal supply to thermal power plants has been 460.17 Million Tonnes (MT) (provisional) (upto 31.01.2020). This has led to build up of 35.12 MT coal stock at power plants end on 04.02.2020, which is sufficient for 20 days requirement as against 20.87 MT on 04.02.2019 which was sufficient for 13 days. At the same time, coal stock at pithead of Coal India Limited has reached to 33.54 MT and that of SCCL to 2.12 MT.

#### **Poor structural condition of dam water canal networks**

\*81. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the poor structural condition of the dam water canal networks in the country, is causing 40 per cent to 50 per cent water leakage in transit, if so, the details thereof and reasons for such a situation, State-wise;

(b) whether canals carrying water from the dams to the rural regions, need major repairs and the resultant water loss due to leakages is increasing, as the weak canals cannot carry the dam water to their fullest capacity; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and reasons for such a situation and corrective steps being taken in this regard?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT): (a) to (c) Water Resources Project are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priority. In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments, Government of India provides technical and financial assistance to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes and programmes.

For assessment of performance of Completed Major/Medium Irrigation Projects in the country, studies of 35 projects in seven States were taken up in 2006 and subsequent years by Central Water Commission on pilot basis. From the study, it is observed that overall water use efficiency varies from 13% to 62% (Weighted average value is 36%) and conveyance/transmission efficiency varies from 47% to 91% (Weighted average value is 69%). The main reasons for low efficiency are poor maintenance of canals and distribution network resulting in growth of weed and vegetation, siltation of canals, damages in lining in lined canals, lack of control structures, poor management practices etc. It is also observed from the study that State Governments have been providing insufficient funds for maintenance of canals in many cases and canals of some projects need repair works.

During 2016-17, ninety nine (99) Major/Medium irrigation projects (and seven phases) ongoing under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) - Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) have been prioritised in consultation with States for completion in phases, along with their Command Area Development and Water Management (CADWM) works. Funding mechanism through NABARD has been approved by Government for both Central and State Share.

Out of the above mentioned prioritised projects, 07 projects involve Renovation and Modernization works of canals and are categorized as Extension, Renovation and Modernization (ERM) projects. Since April, 2016, Central Assistance (CA) of ₹796.39 crore. and State Share (SS) of ₹517.67 crore has been released for these projects. Ultimate irrigation potential of these projects is 327.76 Th. Ha. Out of which 309.05 Th. ha has been created including 109.44 Th. ha. during 2016-19. Four out of these 07 prioritized projects have been reported to be completed.

Besides above, Government of India has also approved the funding of "Refining of Sirhind Feeder and Rajasthan Feeder" to address the problems of seepage and water-logging with a total cost of ₹1976.745 crore (Price Level 2015). CA component is ₹826.17

crore in addition to ₹156 crore released earlier. The project is planned to be completed by June, 2021. The relining of Rajasthan Feeder envisages to save 560 cusec of water leading to stabilization/improvement of irrigation in 98,739 Ha. in Rajasthan. Relining of Sirhind Feeder envisages to save 256 cusec of water leading to stabilization/improvement irrigation in 69,096 Ha. (20,740 Ha. in Rajasthan and 48,356 Ha. in Punjab). Renovation and modernisation of canals have also been taken up by a number of States with external funding.

### Loans given to Minorities by NMDFC

\*82. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loans given to minorities by National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) in 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19;

(b) proportion of Muslims, Christians, Buddhists, Jains and Parsis who availed loans for aforesaid years;

(c) the number of students of these minority communities who availed education loans from the NMDFC for aforesaid years; and

(d) the proportion of Muslims, Christians, Buddhists, Parsis and Jain students who availed loans in these years?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI): (a) National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) is implementing its schemes for the socio-economic development of notified National Minorities viz., Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains mainly through the State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) nominated by the respective State Governments/UT Administration. The amount of loans disbursed by NMDFC in 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 is given below:-

	(₹ in crores)		
Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Amount of loans disbursed by NMDFC	503.32	570.83	603.66

(b) The community-wise break-up (in percentage) of beneficiaries financed under the schemes of NMDFC in 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 is given below:-