

Release of funds for water conservation projects

3784. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has formulated Rs. 216 crores water conservation project to be implemented in 482 water stress mandals in 22 districts extending Hyderabad;

(b) if so, whether these projects would be undertaken with the financial assistance of Rs. 151.20 crores from NABARD;

(c) if so, the total area to be covered;

(d) whether Government have been urged to provide the remaining funds for implementing these projects; and

(e) if so, by when this project of water conservation is likely to be completed in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (e) As per the information received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh, water conservation projects costing Rs. 216 crores to be implemented in 22 districts (excluding Hyderabad) and to cover an area of 4,70, 607 Ha. has been formulated to be taken up with NABARD for financial assistance of Rs. 151.20 crores. The balance amount is to be met from Food for Work funds. The completion of these projects as per Memorandum of Understanding to be entered into by the State Government is linked to sanction by NABARD.

Pending irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh

3785. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of irrigation projects which are pending with the Government as on 31st March, 2001 for clearance, State-wise;

(b) the number of projects which were given clearance from techno-economic viability angle, State-wise;