

Additional Funds for Irrigation Project

4720. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE:
SHRI GIRDHARI YADAV:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have requested for additional assistance from the Union Government for some important irrigation projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government for allocation of funds for the purpose during 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Fifteen State Governments have requested the Union Government for Special Central Assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme announced by the Union Government for inclusion under the Budget Estimates for 1996-97.

(b) A Statement giving State-wise number of major and medium irrigation projects proposed by them for inclusion under the above programme is enclosed.

(c) An amount of Rs. 900 crores has been provided in the budget estimates of the Ministry of Water Resources for the year 1996-97 for release of loans to the States under the Programme.

STATEMENT

Statement giving details of proposals received from the State Govts. for inclusion under Accelerated irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP)

Sl. No.	State	No. of projects proposed for inclusion under the AIBP	
		Major	Medium
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1	2
2.	Assam	5	5
3.	Bihar	8	—
4.	Haryana	1	—
5.	Goa	1	—
6.	Gujarat	3	16
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	1	6
8.	Karnataka	7	1
9.	Madhya Pradesh	4	—
10.	Maharashtra	22	21

1	2	3	4
11.	Orissa	4	—
12.	Punjab	1	—
13.	Rajasthan	3	6
14.	Tripura	—	5
15.	Uttar Pradesh	11	5
Total:		72	65

New Passport Offices in Karnataka

4721. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Government propose to open more Regional Passport Offices in the State of Karnataka on the lines of opening of three Regional Passport Offices in Kerala;

(b) if so, by when;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government are aware that the work load at the Regional Passport Office, Bangalore is heavier than that of Kerala;

(e) if so, the average number of applications for passports cleared by the offices at Kerala and Karnataka every month;

(f) criteria fixed for opening of Regional Passport Offices in the States; and

(g) the action taken/proposed to be taken to open more offices in Karnataka in the near future and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (g) At present no proposal is under consideration to open new Passport Offices in the state of Karnataka which has a Passport Office at Bangalore and a Passport Collection Centre at Mangalore.

Annual input of applications for issue of fresh passports from the state of Kerala is more than 3 times that of the state of Karnataka. A comparative statement showing the number of applications received during the years 1993, 1994 and 1995 is enclosed. It will be seen that the average number of applications received per month during the year 1995 from the state of Karnataka and the state of Kerala averaged 8140 and 25350 respectively.