

Survey of Dry Land Areas in Andhra Pradesh

5155. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a survey of dry land areas in Andhra Pradesh to find out the extent of cultivable land and available underground water sources will be taken up in the Seventh Five Year Plan ; and

(b) if so, the amount earmarked and the physical targets fixed ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) The extent of cultivable land in the State is available from the Land Use Statistics published by the Ministry of Agriculture. The Central Ground Water Board which is carrying out hydrogeological surveys in the country proposes to cover the balance areas of Andhra Pradesh during the Seventh Plan period out of its overall Plan allocation of Rs. 87 crores.

Higher Technical Training for Health Guides

5156. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to impart higher technical training to the Health Guides and utilise their services in a more effective manner ; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) There is no proposal to impart higher technical training to Village Health Guides.

(b) Village Health Guide is a Voluntary worker trained for preventive and

promotive aspect of health, FP and MCH. He is not meant for providing medical care except treatment of minor ailments and first aid during emergencies. However, a scheme of re orientation training, is being implemented for updating their knowledge for utilising their services in a more effective manner.

[Translation]

Proposal for Construction of Ring Road for Linking National Highways Passing Through Jabalpur

5157 SHRI AJAY MUSHRAN : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has received any proposal from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh regarding construction of ring road in order to link National Highways passing through Jabalpur ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) whether the proposal has been included in the first phase of Seventh Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c) No proposal has been received from the Madhya Pradesh Government for the construction of a Ring Road. However, there is a proposal for the construction of a by-pass around Jabalpur town. The inclusion of this by-pass in the programme for development of National Highways during the Seventh Five Year Plan would depend on the inter-se priority of works on all-India basis and availability of resources.

Vayudoot Service in Madhya Pradesh Sectors

5158. SHRI AJAY MUSHRAN : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the sectors in Madhya Pradesh where Vayudoot service will be introduced ;