

World Bank Assistance for Ayacut Development

2427. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted any scheme to Union Government for according World Bank assistance for the development of Ayacut under Sriram Sagar Project; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b). The Second Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Project is being implemented by the Government of Andhra Pradesh with credit loan assistance from World Bank amounting to US \$ 271 million. The agreement for World Bank assistance to this Project was signed on 28.5.1986. The Project, inter-alia, envisages upgradation of irrigation blocks to serve about 165,000 ha. and construction of irrigation blocks to serve about 163,000 ha, in the Sriram Sagar sub-project area, including distributories, minors, field channels and drains.

Video Films on Health Issues

2428. SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of video films have been prepared on various health issues and if so, the titles of these films indicating names of the agencies which produced them and whether these video films have been dubbed in the main languages of the country;

(b) the total expenditure incurred thereon so far;

(c) whether these films have been shown in National or local TV programmes and if so, details thereof;

(d) whether these films would also be regularly screened on Railway platforms through the internal TV circuits for educating the masses; and

(e) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROURAY): (a) Yes, Sir. A list of films and names of the producing agencies is given in the statement below. 29 of the T.V. spots of shorter version have been dubbed in all the 14 major regional languages. States are being encouraged to dub the remaining in the regional languages.

(b) An amount of Rs. 18.15 lakhs approximately has been incurred so far on the production of these films. Besides, Rs. 4,52,265.00 has been spent on duplication.

(c) Yes, Sir. TV spots are being regularly telecast over the National Network at 9.00 P.M. and the Low Power Transmitters of Doordarshan at 7.30 P.M. The longer duration films are also being shown on Doordarshan.

(d) and (e). Yes, Sir. The Railway Ministry have agreed to show Family Welfare films free of charge on the Close Circuit TV of all Railway Stations where Close Circuit TV facilities are available. The total screening time allotted to F.W. Programme is ten per cent of the time allotted to the Railways under the contract for running the CCTV system. Accordingly, video spots are being shown at the Railway Stations day and night. Copies of films of long and short duration are sent to the Railways for screening in their own Railway colonies F.W. Centres and the Railway Stations.