

takes about 1-2 years for commissioning of dealerships/distributorships after issue of advertisement. For the RO Marketing Plan 1993-96 and LPG Marketing Plan 1994-96, 3% dealerships/distributorships are reserved for Freedom-Fighters category.

[Translation]

#### Sea Erosion

7245. SHRI N.J. RATHVA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has requested the Union Government to amend the existing criterion laid for providing Central assistance to prevent the coastal areas from sea erosion;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard, and

(d) the amount of assistance provided by the Union Government to Gujarat during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PV RANGAYYA NAIDU)

(a) No such proposal from Government of Gujarat to revise the criteria regarding Central Assistance to prevent the coastal area from sea erosion has been received

(b) and (c). Do not arise

(d) As a measure of decentralisation, Central Loan Assistance for anti-sea erosion works has been discontinued in the VIII Plan. However, National Development Council in its meeting held in December, 1991 approved 7.5% weight for meeting the challenge of special problems under revised formula for allocation of Central Assistance. As such no Central Assistance was provided to the Maritime States including Gujarat during 1993-94 and 1994-95 and no such provision has been made for 1995-96 also. However, the Planning Commission has approved outlays, exclusively for Anti-Sea-Erosion projects for the State of Gujarat. The approved outlay for 1993-94 and 1994-95 is Rs. 20 lakhs each. The proposed outlay for 1995-96 is Rs. 26 lakhs.

[English]

#### Coal Mining

7246. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state

(a) the details of the Indian Companies who have offered for joint venture in coal mining in the country; and

(b) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) According to information received from Coal India Limited, they have received proposals from following Indian parties who have shown interest for forming joint venture with Coal India for coal mining;

1. M/s. RPG Industries/Calcutta Electric Supply Co.,
2. M/s. Nippon Denro Ispat Limited.
3. M/s. Bhagat and Co ,
4. M/s. Hindalco Industries Ltd.,
5. M/s. Eastern Mineral and Trading Company,
6. M/s. Indo Gulf Fertilizer and Chemical Ltd.,
7. M/s. International Longwall (India) Ltd.

(b) Government has not approved any joint venture proposals for CIL, coal mining

[Translation]

#### Digging of Canals

7247. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether the Union Government have received any request from the Government of Maharashtra for Central assistance for digging of canals in the State,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PV RANGAYYA NAIDU)

(a) No, Sir

(b) and (c) Do not arise

#### Sardar Sarovar Project

7248. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA .  
SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA .

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the study conducted by the Sardar Patel Institute of Economical Social Research wherein it has been stated that the percentage of profit likely to be accrued from Sardar Sarovar Project is around 15.25%;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government have made any assessment in regard to the percentage of profit likely to be accrued from other major irrigation projects;

(d) if so, the average percentage thereof; and

(e) the names of the projects having minimum and maximum percentage of profit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) :

(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. According to the study, Internal Rate of Return of Sardar Sarovar Project at financial prices and at economic prices range from 14.69% to 20.00% and 16.77% to 21.88% respectively.

The Government are satisfied about the economic viability of the project.

(c) to (e). At present, the Benefit Cost Ratio method is generally used in economic evaluation of Irrigation projects. As per the norm of the Planning Commission, the projects which yield Benefit Cost Ratio of at least 1.5 : 1 should be normally approved for implementation. A lower limit of 1.0 is acceptable for Irrigation Projects in drought prone areas. The average value of Internal Rate of Return in respect of 9 major Irrigation projects accepted during the last three years by the Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood control and multipurpose projects comes to 15.01%, the maximum and minimum value of Internal Rate of Return being 25.75% and 9.26% for Omkareshwar multipurpose Project and Gargi Diversion Project respectively

#### Coal Loading

7249. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Union Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "CIL accused of not utilising, wagon capacity" appearing in the "Observer" dated February 27, 1995,

(b) if so, whether the railway wagons are not being departed in time by CIL for coal loading,

(c) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(d) the amount of demurrage paid by CIL during each of the last three years for withholding the railway wagons with them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT PANJA) . (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Wagons placed by Railways at colliery sidings are required to be loaded within the specified time stipulated by Railways. By and large, wagons are loaded within stipulated free loading time. However, in some cases loading can not be completed within the "free loading time" leading to detention of wagons

However shortage of Railway wagons in CIL are as follows :

Month	(in FWWs per day)		
	Target	Actual	Shortage
April, 95	17344	16787	557
May, 95 (up to 15th)	17888	16230	1658

(c) According to Coal India Limited, delay in loading of wagons occur in some cases due to dislocation caused by heavy rains, supply of covered wagons in place of open wagons, placement of wagons at odd hours, power failures and other breakdowns affecting loading.

(d) According to Coal India Limited demurrages paid to the Railways by its units/subsidiary companies during each of the three years were as under :

Year	Demurrages Paid (Rs. in crores) (Data provisional)
1992-93	16.54
1993-94	16.50
1994-95	19.98

[English]

#### TADA

7250. SHRI D. VENKATESWARA RAO :  
SHRI DATTA MEGHE :  
SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN :  
SHRI SOMJI BHAI DAMOR :  
SHRI P. KUMARASAMY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he called the meeting of all opposition parties and the Chief Ministers of all the States recently to discuss issues regarding TADA and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the main points suggested by the opposition parties and the Chief Ministers;

(c) whether any concrete proposals for amending/repealing of TADA has been finalised; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the changes are likely to be introduced in the regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c). The Government has consulted the Chief Ministers/Governors of States/UTs and leaders of the various political parties in this regard. In the light of the views expressed by the Chief Ministers and Government as also the leaders of the various political parties, the Government has decided not to extend TADA but to bring forward a new Legislation, namely, the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, 1995 for the prevention of and for coping with the terrorist and disruptive activities.

[Translation]

#### Private Agencies Recognised by PIB

7251. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the private agencies recognised by the Press Information Bureau;