

Move to expand Song and Drama Division

6852. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move to expand the Song & Drama Division so as to set up a larger number of its units in the field during the 6th Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the nature of the expansion produced State-wise alongwith the names of the places where new units are planned to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Song & Light Unit is being set up at Bangalore in the current financial year. The proposals of the Division for inclusion in the revised 6th Plan (1980-85) include schemes for setting up a Pilot Project to utilise folk forms of tribal areas in the Central and North Eastern Regions of the country as well as a Pilot Project for utilisation of artistic talent available amongst the rural youth. The implementation of these schemes is, however, contingent on the approval of the Plan proposals and allocation of funds.

Dandakaranya Project

6854. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Blocks that covers the Dandakaranya Projects of Koraput, Orissa at present;

(b) number of refugees so far resettled in the Blocks and names of the camps thereof;

(c) the local tribal population and refugee population therein;

(d) the programmes taken up for the development of the area and the people thereof;

(e) programmes for refugees and the tribals taken up separately;

(f) money so far spent since the inception of the project on refugees and on local tribals; and

(g) achievement made so far by the Dandakaranya Development Authority Koraput reported so far in solving the refugee problem and also the problems of the tribals?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Koraput portion of the Dandakaranya Project comprises of following Blocks:

1. Jeypore
2. Raighar
3. Umerkote
4. Dabugaon
5. Jorigaon
6. Malkangiri
7. Korukondi
8. Kalimela
9. Podia.

(b) So far 4,430 refugee families have been settled in Umerkote Zone in 64 villages and 10, 179 families have been settled in Malkangiri Zone in 195 villages. The names of the villages are MV 1 to 123 and MPV 1 to 71, MPV 75 in Malkangiri Zone and UV 1 to 23, 51 to 54, 57, URV 24 to 30, 31A, 31B. URV 32 to 50, URV 55, 56, 58, 59, 60 & BJ 1 to 3 in Umerkote Zone.