

[English]

Water Resources of Coastal Rivers

2666. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coastal rivers in the country and the total water resources contained by those rivers;

(b) the total water resources out of them are being utilised for irrigation purposes;

(c) the steps taken to utilise the remaining water of the coastal rivers for irrigation purposes; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (d). There are numerous coastal rivers which are comparatively small in size. While only a handful of such rivers drain into the Sea near the delta of East Coast, there are as many as 600 such rivers on the West Coast. These rivers can be grouped together as follows:

(i) East Flowing rivers from Mahanadi to Godavari and Krishna to Pennar.

(ii) East Flowing rivers between Pennar and Kanyakumari.

(iii) West Flowing rivers between Kutch and Saurashtra including Loni.

(iv) West Flowing rivers from Tapi to Tadri.

(v) West Flowing rivers from Tadri to Kanyakumari.

The average annual flow of these rivers is estimated at 247 cubic kilometres, out of which about 81 cubic kilometres is utilisable. The total storage capacity created so far to utilise these waters is 19.45 cubic kilometres. For utilising the remaining waters of these rivers, projects to create additional storage capacity of 10.93 cubic kilometres are under construction and storage capacity of 5.27 cubic kilometres is under consideration.

T.V. Camera Unit at Vijayawada

2667. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received representations to sanction a TV camera unit at Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh to cover programmes of the coastal districts;

(b) by when it is likely to be set up there; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Due to acute shortage of cameramen in Doordarshan, it is not presently possible to sanction a separate camera unit for Vijayawada. However, in view of the importance of Vijayawada city, the government envisages to set up a TV studio centre there. A project of this nature takes about 4 years for completion after commencement of the civil works at the site.

Misuse of STD/ISD Calls in Guwahati

2668. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the Minister of COIMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: