

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) There are at present 3,435 prisoners/under-trials lodged in Tihar Jail.

(b) A Statement is given below.

(c) Yes.

(d) The proposal was mooted during the year 1978. Land for a new jail measuring 58.62 acres has been acquired at Mandoli, Shahdara. The work of erecting the boundary wall has been completed at the site. Funds have been provided under the Seventh Five Year Plan for the construction of the new jail at Mandoli.

Statement

S. No.	Category of Staff	Sanctioned Staff	Staff in production
1	2	3	4
1.	Dy. Inspector General of Prisons	1	1
2.	Superintendent of Central Jail	1	1
3.	Superintendent of District Jail/Deputy Superintendent of Gr.I	1	1
4.	Deputy Supdt. Grade II	2	1
5.	Medical Officer Grade.I	1	1
6.	Medical officer grade. II	3	3
7.	Office Superintendent	1	1
8.	SAS Accountant	1	1
9.	Assistant Superintendents	15	15
10.	Head Clerk	1	1
11.	U. D. C.	5	4
12.	Stenographer	1	1
13.	L. D. C.	5	5

1	2	3	4
14.	Head Warders	39	30
15.	Warders	292	271
16.	Matron	7	6
17.	Pharmacist	3	3
18.	Store-keeper	1	1
19.	Tailor Master	1	1
20.	Teacher	1	1
21.	Weaving Master	1	1
22.	Male Nurse	2	2
23.	Nursing Orderly	2	2
24.	Mistri Fitter	1	1
25.	Driver	2	2
26.	Asstt. Factory Supervisor	1	1
27.	Carpenter Master	1	1
28.	Peon	1	1
29.	Dak Carrier	1	1
30.	Orderly	1	1
31.	Cook	1	1
32.	Sweeper	13	11
33.	Chowkidar	2	1

The few posts lying vacant at-present have not been filled because of continuance of "economy ban" imposed by the Central Govt. with a view to reducing expenditure.

Irrigation Projects Causing Ecological Imbalance

2457. SHRI NARSING SURYAWANSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether major irrigation projects are causing ecological imbalances ; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to check and control such imbalances ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) :

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The problem of water logging and salinity in the command of major irrigation projects are caused due to lack of adequate drainage. Command Area needs to be developed concurrently with the engineering works-construction of dam and the canal network-to optimise utilisation of irrigation potential as well as to avoid ecological imbalance. Land levelling, grading and drainage works are provided in the command area only on a limited scale so far.

Incentives to Frontline African States

2458. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL:

DR. T. KALPANA DEVI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to provide certain incentives for frontline African States in a bid to loosen the economic stranglehold of their people ;

(b) if so, the details of the incentives proposed to be given to those African States; and

(c) whether Scandinavian countries have offered similar incentives to Africa also?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) The Government of India supports the objectives of the Southern African Development Coordination Conferences (SADCC), an Organisation of nine frontline African states with its headquarters in Botswana which has been set up to reduce economic dependence upon South Africa and to increase collective self-reliance. Towards this end, the Government of India has offered SADCC technical cooperation and project assistance in various fields ;

(b) The primary features of the offer of support communicate to SADCC are offers of 300 fellowships for the period 1986—91 to trainees from the nine frontline countries under the Indian Technical and Economic

Cooperation (ITEC) programme ; services of 100 experts from India to these countries for technical advice, techno-economic studies etc. over the same period ; assistance in the field of medium and small industry by setting up an institution framework to promote this sector ; assistance to the Regional Training Council in Swaziland and association of Indian companies in projects in a variety of economic sectors that may be pursued by projects in a variety of economic sectors that may be pursued by these countries ;

(c) The Nordic countries have also offered assistance to the SADCC countries, including the field of transport and are in process of working out precise plans and programmes.

Improvement of National Highway No. 44 as all Weather Road

2459. SHRI SUDARSHAN DAS : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that movement of traffic on National Highway No. 44 remains suspended occasionally due to landslides keeping Mizoram, Tripura, part of Manipur and Barak Valley Districts of Assam cut-off from the rest of the country ; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken for improvement of the road to make it an all weather road ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) National Highway No. 44 connects Shillong (Meghalaya) with Agartala (Tripura) via Badarpur in Assam. The sector from Jowai to Agartala is with the Border Roads Organisation. It is an all-weather Highway and is maintained under Scale I Maintenance at a maximum expenditure of about Rs. 12,800 per kilometer per annum.