

Project Report to Utilise Water Near Panigangar, Gudari (Orissa)

3680. SHRI GIRLDHAR GOMANGO: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh had prepared an irrigation project report to utilise the water near Panigangar, Gudari in Orissa and started the preliminary work;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for non implementation of this project,

(c) whether Government of Orissa and Andhra Pradesh discussed in detail and agreed to stop this proposal, and

(d) if so, the detail agreement thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA). (a) No project report/proposal to utilise the water near Panigangar, Gudari in Orissa has been received in the Central Water Commission from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). No such decision arrived at by the two States has been reported to the Central by either.

Working of Rural Development Institutions

3681. SHRI NARSINGRAO SURYAWANSHI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether it is proposed to streamline and improve the working of Rural Development Institutions; if so, details thereof—

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI HARINATHA MISHRA): The District Rural Development Agencies are the main rural Development institutions implementing rural development programme. This agency has been designed as an autonomous body with a multi-disciplinary team which will look after planning, implementation and monitoring of specific programmes which are in operation in the different blocks of the country. Constant efforts are being made to ensure that the District Rural Development Agencies are strengthened and their activities streamlined so as to implement the programmes more effectively.

Decreasing Buffer Stock of Wheat and Rice

3682. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the buffer stock of rice and wheat during the years 1980, 1981 and 1982;

(b) whether it is a fact that the buffer stock is decreasing year after year;

(c) if so, what are the reasons; and

(d) what measures are being taken to increase the production in the country to increase the buffer stock?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BHAGWANT JHA AZAD): (a) The stocks of rice and wheat with public agencies during the years 1980 to 1982 were as under:—

Position as on	Rice	Wheat	(In million tonnes)
			Total foodgrains (including coarse grains)
1st January, 1980	9.05	8.36	17.52
1st January, 1981	6.63	4.99	11.74
1st January, 1982	6.21	5.17	11.50
1st January, 1983(P)	5.34	7.19	12.68

(P) = Provisional.