

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to remedy the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) to (c) Government are aware that a port is being constructed by Government of Orissa at Dhamra. The newly constructed range facilities are away from the proposed port. Therefore, the port will not have any impact on the range facilities.

Foreign/HUDCO Assistance for Drinking Water Supply in Orissa

3285. SHRI TATHAGATA SATPATHY : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal for getting foreign/HUDCO assistance for drinking water supply and sewerage projects in the town of Dhenkanal and Angal in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amounts earmarked for the purpose; and

(c) the time by which the projects are likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI) : (a) and (b) The Government had received a proposal for regional water supply in certain urban areas of Orissa, including Dhenkanal and Angul, at an estimated cost of Rs. 139.31 crores, which had been recommended for foreign assistance from the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF), Japan during 1997-98. However, the proposal was not approved by the OECF for funding.

Proposals for HUDCO assistance are submitted by the State Governments directly to HUDCO for consideration. HUDCO has informed that a loan of Rs. 950.96 lakhs and Rs. 864.26 lakhs have been sanctioned for Dhenkanal and Angul water supply schemes estimated to cost Rs. 1358.56 lakhs and Rs. 1234.65 lakhs respectively. The schemes are being implemented by the Orissa Water Supply & Sewerage Board.

(c) The HUDCO assisted projects are likely to be completed within three years.

Doubling of Guntakal-Bangalore Railway Line

3286. SHRI H.G. RAMULU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether survey has been ordered for the doubling of Guntakal-Bangalore broad gauge section ;

(b) if so, the time by which the survey is expected to be completed ; and

(c) the funds earmarked for the survey work ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) and (b) There is already a double line between Guntakal and Gooty. Between Dharmavaram and Penukonda, doubling is proposed to be achieved by construction of a new line via Puttaparthi which is already included in Budget, 1997-98 to be taken up after obtaining the requisite clearances, for which action has been initiated. There is no proposal for doubling of Gooty-Dharmavaram and Penukonda-Bangalore sections at present.

(c) Does not arise.

Production Capacity of Bhusawal Ordnance Factory

3287. DR. ULHAS VASUDEO PATIL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the production capacity of Ordnance Factory, Bhusawal;

(b) whether the production capacity is being fully utilised;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of requests received for employment in Ordnance Factory, Bhusawal from the land affected families; and

(e) the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) to (e) Ordnance Factory, Bhusawal can manufacture Steel Boxes for ammunition, Barrels for oil and lubricants and other steel containers upto 8 lakh numbers per year. Due to reduction in demand from the Army for 200 litre barrels the capacity of the factory could not be fully utilised during the last three years. However, with the introduction of new ammunition boxes full capacity utilisation is expected during 1998-99.

It is reported that about 40 persons approached the factory for employment stating that their land had been acquired for the construction of quarters. The Employment Exchange sponsored their candidature and they were given employment. The Ordnance Factory Board has reported that no request for employment is pending since 1980.

[Translation]

Decline in Beneficiaries of IRDP

3288. SHRI CHANDRASHEKHAR SAHU : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a steep decline in the number of beneficiaries of Integrated Rural Development Programme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BAGGOUDA PATIL) : (a) to (c) The thrust in IRDP in the recent years has been to increase the Per the family Investment to ensure quality of projects and better income to the beneficiary. This correspondingly involves higher per capita subsidy, leading to some decline in the number of beneficiaries, given the marginal higher annual releases under IRDP towards subsidy.

[English]

Strength of Engineers in DDA

3289. SHRI KARIYA MUNDA :

SHRI INDRA NATH BHAGAT :
DR. C.P. THAKUR :
SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY :
SHRI AJIT JOGI :
PROF. JOGENDRA KAWADE :

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the total strength of the engineers working in DDA, categories-wise;

(b) the percentage of SC/ST engineers among them; and

(c) the details of the backlog vacancies in different categories reserved for SC/ST and OBC during the last three years in the DDA and the reasons therefor, the steps taken by the Government to clear the backlog ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHAMALANI) : (a) to (c) A statement is enclosed.

Statement

S.No.	Category	Total Nos.	No. of		Percentage		Backlog			Reasons/steps taken to clear the backlog
			SC	ST	SC	ST	SC	ST	OBC	
1.	Engineer Member	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2.	Chief Engineer (C)	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
3.	Chief Engineer (E)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
4.	Suptdg. Engineer (C)	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
5.	Suptdg. Engineer (E)	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
6.	Executive Engineer (C)	17	13	1	11.11	0.9	-	-	-	
7.	Executive Engineer (E)	17	2	-	11.80	Nil	-	-	-	
8.	Asstt. Engineer (C)	510	74	3	14.50	0.6	6	8	-	
9.	Asstt. Engineer (E/M)	72	10	-	13.90	Nil	-	-	-	The post was 'selection' post prior to 3/97 and as such there was no carry forward of reserved post. However, the post became non-selection vide Resolution dated 31.3.97 and out of the 5 vacant posts, 2 posts of AE (E/M) were filled up from the SC Category.
10.	Jr. Engineer (C)	1406	110	-	7.82	Nil	101	105	-	As per recommendations of Cadre
11.	Jr. Engineer (E/M)	192	17	-	8.85	Nil	12	14	-	Review Committee approved by Authority, recruitment to the post of J.Es. has been restrained. However, in the category of JE (E/M), as per directions of Hon'ble High Court, 9 candidates selected in 1989, have been allowed to join in 7/1997. The backlog/short fall of OBC in the category of JE (Civil) & JE (E/M) may be treated as Nil, as no recruitment to the post of JE (Civil) has been made since 1986. In the category of JE (E/M) last recruitment was made in 1989. Reservation for OBC has been introduced only from September, 1993.