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**Surplus Employees in C.T.O. New Delhi**

10333. SHRI KALPNATH SONKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees rendered surplus under various categories in C.T.O. New Delhi; and

(b) the steps being contemplated by Government to absorb these surplus employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a)

(i)	Group 'A'	—	Nil
(ii)	Group 'B'	—	Nil
(iii)	Group 'C'	—	122
(iv)	Group 'D'	—	142

(b) The surplus employees will be utilised in the Telecom. Centres being opened in Delhi and other recruitment units where vacancies are available, in accordance with the existing guidelines.

[*English*]

**Proposal for Water Supply to Villages of Banaskantha District**

10334. SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for water supply to villages of Banaskantha District has been sent by Gujarat Government for approval of Union Government; and

(b) if so, the time by which the proposal is likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All the schemes received from the State Government for technical approval under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme have already been cleared by the Union Government.

**Supply of Drinking Water for Saurashtra and Kutch from Narmada River**

10335. SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Government has submitted any proposal for supplying drinking water for Saurashtra and Kutch through pipe line from Narmada river; and

(b) if so, the time by which the sanction to this proposal is likely to be given by Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Central Government is likely to convey its decision shortly to the State Government.

**Deployment of Army in Sensitive Areas in Punjab**

10336. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA  
SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to deploy army in certain sensitive areas in Punjab;

(b) whether Government also propose to deploy the National Army comprising of the ex-servicemen in the towns and villages located near the Indo-Pak border to assist and coordinate with the para-military forces in apprehending the terrorists and other anti-national elements; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c). Government have no plans as yet for deployment of the Army in the areas mentioned. There is no force called 'National Army' and the question of deployment of such a force does not arise.

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#### **Supply of Drinking Water to Villages in Uttar Pradesh**

10337. DR. BENGALI SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Uttar Pradesh has sought World Bank assistance for supply of drinking water in various villages and towns and for projects relating to environmental improvement;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) Government of Uttar Pradesh had sent a proposal to Central Government for World

Bank assistance for an Integrated Project for Drinking Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation in various villages and towns. This preliminary Project proposal was not accepted by the World Bank Mission which visited the State. The State Government has been asked to prepare a revised project proposal.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### **Members of Parliament in Jails**

10338. DR. BENGALI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of Members of Parliament who are presently in jails?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): As per information available, only one Member of Parliament is in Jail.

[*English*]

#### **National Agricultural Policy**

10339. SHRI ANBARASU ERA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the main objectives of National Agricultural Policy have been to achieve self sufficiency in food production and also to increase farm income;

(b) if so, how far these objectives have been achieved; and

(c) if these objectives have not been achieved the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.