

taking further action to disburse the assistance.

Scarcity of Water in Tamil Nadu for Irrigation Purposes

*102. SHRI S. SINGARAVADIVEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is scarcity of water for irrigating land in the Cauvery Delta in Thanjavur district of Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether there is any demand from the Government of Tamil Nadu for getting water from Karnataka;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Government of Tamil Nadu has complained that the construction of dams in the upper reaches by Government of Karnataka has resulted in scarcity of water for irrigation.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Tamil Nadu has requested for release of at least 20 Thousand Million Cubic feet (TMC) of water from Government of Karnataka.

(d) Tamil Nadu Government has filed the application for relief in this matter before the Tribunal, set up by the Centre in June 1990.

[*Translation*]

Reorganisation of Post Master General's Office in Rajasthan

*103. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of postal regions established in Rajasthan under the structural reorganisation of the Post Master General's Office;

(b) whether the Post Master General Headquarters, Eastern Region, Ajmer is still functioning at Jaipur;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which this office is likely to start functioning at Ajmer; and

(d) the names of the districts in Rajasthan which have been brought under the administrative control of this office at Jaipur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SANJAY SINGH): (a) to (c). There are now three postal regions in Rajasthan namely Eastern Region, Western Region and Jaipur Region from March, 1990. Earlier there was a composite Eastern Region at Jaipur which has now been divided in two region both functioning from Jaipur itself. The question of shifting the Headquarters of Eastern Region has been reviewed. It is now decided to shift it to Ajmer from 1st February, 1991.

(d) The following districts of Rajasthan are served by the Eastern Region:-

1. Ajmer
2. Banswara
3. Bhilwara
4. Bundi
5. Chittorgarh
6. Dungarpur
7. Jhalawar
8. Kota
9. Tonk
10. Udaipur

Besides one Service Unit under the Region is located at Jaipur also. The Railway Mail Service Division under the Region has sections running from Delhi to Ahmedabad.

Subsidy for Purchase of Tractors

*104. SHRI RAM SAJIWAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that tractors of less horse power are not successful in the Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh and some other parts of the country for ploughing hard land;

(b) if so, whether the facilities given for purchasing small tractors are proposed to be provided to the farmers of such areas for purchasing tractors of high horse power; and

(c) if so, when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard and the time by which it is proposed to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). No facility of subsidy is being given for purchasing small tractors by farmers. However, a proposal is under consideration for subsidy for farmers of below 8 acre holding for purchase of tractors under 18 power take-off horse power. Since no subsidy facilities are currently being given for small tractors, the question of considering the same for high horse power tractors does not arise.

[English]

Repair and Maintenance of Tamil Nadu Section of National Highway No. 47

*105. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tamil Nadu section of the Trivandrum-Kanyakumari National Highway No. 47 is in bad condition; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed for its repair and maintenance?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b). No, Sir. This Section of National Highway 47 is in traffic worthy condition. Potholes etc. developed during recent monsoon season have been repaired by the State Department of Highways.

1990-2000 AD as International Decade for Natural Disasters Hazards Reduction

*106. SHRI BHAJAMAN BEHERA:
SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have accepted the proposal of the United Nations to observe the decade 1990-2000 AD as International Decade for Natural Disasters Hazard Reduction;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to secure international assistance for implementing hazard reduction schemes; and

(d) the details of the action plans being formulated for flood/cyclone prone States like Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A Core Group has been constituted to suggest measures to deal with all aspects of Disaster Management in connection with the observance of International