

SHRI C. MADHAV REDDI : Sir, the hon. Minister has replied that the gap between the actual utilisation and the potential under the minor irrigation is only 6 per cent. 6 per cent is no gap at all. If that is the case, I would like to know the reasons for conducting the survey. What do you want to gain out of it? I would also like to know by what time this report will be available and what action is going to be taken subsequently.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : Sir, I agree to a certain extent with the hon. member. When we know that the gap is only very minor, or rather minimal, he is asking as to what is the necessity of having this census. I should say that this information is based on certain facts provided by the States. It also lacks in respect of information with regard to certain minor irrigation schemes which are taken up individually by private agencies. The purpose of this, if I can say is that the Census is to be taken to enumerate completely the sources of minor irrigation in the States and Union Territories to assess source-wise area irrigated during Kharif, Rabi and Summer seasons and to assess the contribution of these minor irrigation sources, by way of new irrigation and as supplementary irrigation sources.

SHRI C. MADHAV REDDI : The major sources of irrigation, *i.e.* the basin-wise projects which have been planned by the State Governments are running into rough weather because of various factors including the attitude of the Government of India in not giving the clearance promptly. May I know whether the Government of India is going to advise the States to take up minor irrigation schemes in the upper reaches so that there will be no need for taking up big diversions.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Polavaram Project

*352. **SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO :**
SHRI M. SUBHA REDDY :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Polavaram Project can reduce the intensity of damage due to floods in Godavari as well as link it with Krishna river and as a result thereof 45 TMC of water can be utilised in the permanent drought prone Rayalaseema area; and

(b) if so, when this project is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) :

(a) and (b). The project as proposed by Andhra Pradesh Government does not contain any flood control component. It envisages *inter-alia* the linking of Godavari and Krishna Rivers, which will give an additional 45 TMC of water to Andhra Pradesh, but the project does not specify the use of this water for Rayalseema. Clearance of the project will be considered on receipt of the compliance from State Government on the points raised by the various Central scrutinising agencies and the settlement of Inter-State issues.

Health Foods for Children

*353. **DR. CHINTA MOHAN :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether several health foods claim to be complete foods for infants;

(b) whether several cereal and soyabean based foods sold as health foods are complete foods specially for infants;

(c) if not, whether Government are considering to take some steps including an appropriate institutional arrangement to regulate the advertisement and sale of such non-complete foods; and

(d) whether the National Institute of Nutrition and Central Food Technology and Research Institute are being asked to during out regular information on composition and deficiencies in soyabean products as compared to other better proteins such as milk protein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY