

### Expenditure on the Mahi Irrigation Project

\*957. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure to be incurred on the Mahi Irrigation Project in Madhya Pradesh and the time by which its construction is likely to be completed;

(b) the number of districts likely to be irrigated and the area in each district to be brought under irrigation as a result of this project; and

(c) the number of villages likely to be submerged as a result of construction of this project and whether a representation from the residents of these villages has been received?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR PANDAY): (a) The cost of the Mahi Irrigation Project of Madhya Pradesh as finalised in May 1980 is Rs. 25.51 crores. According to the project report, the work is programmed to be completed in a period of 6 years including pre-construction period of one year from the date of commencement of the project. The expenditure on the project upto March 1980 is Rs. 26.00 lakhs. The State Government have made a provision of only Rs. 800 lakhs during the Sixth Plan (1980—85).

(b) According to the Project Report, the districts benefited and area to be irrigated in each district are as follows:—

Name of District	Area to be irrigated annually
	ha.
Dhar . . . . .	7306
Jhabua . . . . .	17350
Total	24,656

(c) In the project report it has been stated that 20 villages will be affected. The submergence area lies in Petalawadi Tehsil of Jhabua district and Sardarpur of Dhar district. No representation has been received in the Centre from the residents of the area likely to be affected by submerision.

### Discovery of Gas in Proto Novo near Pondicherry

\*958. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL:

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gas has been struck by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission in the Proto Novo Offshore site, near Pondicherry on the Eastern Coast;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to speedily utilize this valuable natural resources without any wastage; and

(c) how the gas found in Godavari basin was utilized?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir, but only after assessing the commercial potentiality of the gas find.

(c) Gas found in Godavari offshore has not been utilised, as full potential of the field and its commercial viability has yet to be assessed.

### Transmission from Patna Radio Station

\*959. SHRI D. L. BAITHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that transmission from Patna Radio Station is