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13 canal digging schemes in CHT

RANGAMATI, Jan. 14:—Chittagong Hill Tracts District Agriculture Committee met here on January 11 with Mr. Aung Shwe Prue Chowdhury, State Minister for Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones, Civil Aviation and Tourism in the chair, says an official source.

The committee approved 13 canal digging schemes of about 24 miles in length involving 30,093,154 cft earth work, which will provide irrigation to an area of 2640 acres. Expected increased yield will be about two lac maunds of paddy.

The committee also decided to introduce cotton cultivation to 2500 acres of land under the Cotton Development Board. A total of 440 schemes were approved for intensive IRRI and Boro cultivation in the current season. Out of the sanctioned 440 power pumps 85 have already been in operation and the rest will be fielded in the scheme areas shortly.