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WATER PROBLEMS

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by

HIS EXCELLENCY

CHIEF JIM IFEANYICHUKWU NWOBODO

Governor of Anambra State

THURSDAY, 10 JULY, 1980

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Address presented to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Alhaji Shehu Shagari on Water Problems during his visit to the State by His Excellency the Governor, Chief Jim Ifeanyiichukwu Nwobodo on 10th July, 1980

Mr President,

We very much appreciate your presence in our midst on this occasion of your first post election visit to Anambra State. It affords us the opportunity to bring to your knowledge some of the major problems of the State including water problem.


According to the guidelines provided in section 2, Chapter 31 of the Third National Development Plan (1975-80) document each State of the Federation was expected to receive by way of grants fifty per cent. of its plans allocation for water and sewerage projects during the Third Plans period. This policy was re-emphasized and expatiated upon at the creation of the Federal Ministry of Water Resources.

Under the foregoing framework, Anambra (earlier as part of former East-Central State) proceeded to make commitments by awarding contracts for water projects in the State in anticipation of Federal Government's matching grants. This action became much more urgent at the end of an official visit to Lagos, of the former Military Governor of East-Central State, Col. Ochefu. During that visit an agreement was reached with the Federal Ministry of Economic Development and sanctioned later by the Council of States Meeting of 28th November, 1975, to the effect that the East-Central State Government should implement a water supply programme of ₦57.7 million for 1975-76 financial year. As twenty-five per cent. of the total project value was payable by Federal Government on submission of either contract or tender documents, Anambra State Government submitted in a joint effort with Imo State, the relevant documents together with an application for the release of appropriate Federal Government matching grants.









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