

(iv) क्षारीय मृदा का सुधार तथा शुष्क भूमि प्रबन्ध ; तथा

(v) चावल, कपास तथा दालों की कीट व्याधि का समकलित नियन्त्रण।

Nationalisation of River Water

4588. SHRI N. SELVARAJU: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state whether Government propose going ahead with the proposals to nationalise all River Waters and bring them under the control of the Central Government in order to facilitate Co-ordinated and integrated development of the river basins and thereby avoid the enormous wastage of irrigation and power potential in the River Waters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): There is no proposal to nationalise river waters and bring them under the control of the Central Government.

Construction allowance to P&T Staff posted in upper Kolab multipurpose project Koraput

4589. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Posts and Telegraphs staff posted in Upper Kolab Multipurpose Project area in Koraput District (Orissa) have been sanctioned special construction allowance as sanctioned to the said project staff with effect from 11th June, 1975 to 28th February, 1981;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON) (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) The matter is under consideration now.

Export of foodgrains by Nccf

4590. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Cooperative Consumer Federation will export about 1.50 lakh tonnes of foodgrains to other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that there is an overall shortfall of about 20 million tonnes of foodgrains this year;

(d) whether Government consider that this export will aggravate shortages which can create serious shortages in the country; and

(e) if so, the action taken thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN)

(a) and (b). It is a fact that the National Cooperative Consumer's Federation Limited has been authorised by the Ministry of Commerce to export 53,000 tonnes of non-basmati rice.

(c) to (e). During the year 1979-80 the production of foodgrains has been estimated at 108.9 million tonnes which indicates a shortfall of about 23 million tonnes as compared to the preceding year.

Firm estimates of production during the year 1980-81 are not yet available. The outlook for agricultural production in the country is quite encouraging and it is anticipated that the production of foodgrains during 1980-81 may be somewhat higher than the record level achieved in 1978-79. Rice other than basmati is allowed to be exported only in limited quantities after providing for our own domestic requirements.