

**Control of Floods of Brahmaputra
River**

3909. **SHRI TARUN GOGOI :** Will the Minister of **IRRIGATION AND POWER** be pleased to state :

(a) whether any significant progress has been made in controlling the floods of the Brahmaputra river ;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor and what measures have been taken and contemplated in this direction ;

(c) whether the State Government and M.Ps. from the State have made several representations to him to take over the responsibility for the flood control works there; and

(d) if so, whether Government have taken any decision in this direction ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) :
(a) and (b). A large number of flood protection works have been implemented in the Brahmaputra valley in Assam during the last 18 years. These include about 2900 K.M. of flood embankments and 700 K.M. of drainage channels which have provided protection to about 6.3 lakh ha. 40 Town protection schemes have also been implemented of which the important are Dibrugarh Gauhati, Goalpara and Nowgong. Further works are being implemented. The Brahmaputra Flood Control Commission is presently engaged in the preparation of a comprehensive plan of flood control in the valley.

(c) **Yes, Sir.**

(d) The proposal to take over the responsibility of flood control in the Brahmaputra valley has been agreed to by the Centre and details are being worked out.

**Extension of Taj Express upto
Gwalior**

3910. **SHRI RANABAHADUR SINGH:** Will the Minister of **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a demand that the Taj Express which goes upto Agra may be extended upto Gwalior; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) **Yes.**

(b) The proposed extension has not been considered justified and feasible.

Funds for Integrated Power Development Schemes at Satna in M.P.

3911. **SHRI RANABAHADUR SINGH:** Will the Minister of **IRRIGATION AND POWER** be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Government have given an assurance to provide necessary funds in 1973-74 plan for a scheme of intergrated power development in Satna region in Madhya Pradesh ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) :
(a) and (b). No funds are being provided in 1973-74 outside the State Plan for power development in Satna region of Madhya Pradesh.

Double Track beyond Kiul via Bhagalpur

3912. **SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD :** Will the Minister of **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state :

(a) whether survey has been made to lay double track beyond Kiul via Bhagalpur on the loop line; and

(b) if so, when will the work start ?