

Mr. Speaker: This is no question.

Shri Harj Vishnu Kamath: Is it not a fact that his Holiness the Pope is the spiritual as well as the temporal head of a sovereign State, the Vatican State, with which India has got very friendly and cordial relations; and, if so, is it not a fact that any departure from the policy adopted by All-India Radio would be an indelible stain on India's secular escutcheon?

Shrimati Indira Gandhi: I do not think that anything we have done is a stain on our. . . .

Shri Harj Vishnu Kamath: Any departure from the policy. . . .

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Minister has not followed the question.

Shrimati Indira Gandhi: Yes, I agree.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Inquiry into Floods in Krishna River

- *334. { **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Omkar Singh:
Shri Gulshan:
Shri D. B. Raju:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed an expert committee to inquire into the causes of the recent floods in Krishna and West Godavari districts in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the terms of reference of this Committee?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The terms of reference of the Committee are as under:

(i) to suggest a comprehensive Plan for control of floods in the coastal rivers like Budameru, Tam-mileru and Yerrakalva by construction of detention reservoirs or by diversion into adjoining valleys or any other methods.

(ii) to consider and recommend proposals for lowering the flood level of Kolleru lake either by improving the outfall channel, Upputeru, or by pumping, or by both.

(iii) to consider and recommend proposals for improving the drainage system in the districts of Godavari, Krishna and Guntur.

(iv) Any other recommendation that the committee desires to make for prevention of floods and inundation.

Irrigation and Rural Electrification Targets

- *335. { **Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Ram Sewak:
Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed a target for the creation of irrigation potential of 100 million acres and the electrification of one lakh villages by October, 1969 to celebrate Gandhiji's birth centenary;

(b) what will be the overall irrigation potential at the end of the Third Plan including minor irrigation;

(c) whether the States have framed concrete plans for the implementation of the project; and

(d) whether the Centre has communicated its readiness to give necessary assistance to the States in the matter of finance and coordination?