

Rupees one crore provided by Central Government for employment of migrants on the Project last year, the work on the Project has been progressing. A similar loan of Rs. 25 lakhs has been sanctioned during the current year.

(c) Work is in progress on the excavation of foundations of the masonry dam, and on the excavation of the cut-off trench for the earthen dam and on the two main canals.

(d) Irrigation benefits are however expected from 1969-70 onwards and the project is expected to be completed three years later.

Exports to Russia

- *120. { Shri Yashpal Singh:
- { Shri R. S. Pandey:
- { Shri D. C. Sharma:
- { Shri Shree Narayan Das:
- { Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
- { Shri D. N. Tiwary:
- { Shri P. C. Borooah:
- { Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission visited Russia to explore the possibility of export of Indian goods and to seek Russian collaboration in various industrial fields; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the visit?

The Minister of Planning (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) Yes. The scope for expansion of trade and increased export of Indian goods was discussed with the representatives of the Soviet Government.

(b) Further steps to be taken for implementing this have still to be discussed between experts of the two Governments.

Chatra Canal Project

- 236. { Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
- { Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

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

(a) the measures adopted by the

Government for the speedy execution of the Chatra Canal Project in Nepal;

(b) the measures adopted by Government for expediting the completion of other Indian-aided projects in Nepal; and

(c) whether the representatives of the two countries recently met in Kathmandu to give final shape to the measures?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

In regard to all Indian-aided projects, including the Chatra Project, the following measures are adopted for expediting their completion:—

- (i) Time schedules of work and expenditure as well as monthly progress reports are obtained by the Indian Aid Mission from the officers concerned with the execution of the project.
- (ii) Progress Review Meetings are held from time to time in the Indian Aid Mission, Kathmandu, to review the progress of works and remove any difficulties and bottlenecks hindering the smooth working of the projects. The Director, Indian Aid Mission, Nepal and the Members in charge of different Indian-aided Projects also carry out extensive tours to inspect the projects at the sites and expedite their completion.
- (iii) When necessary, high level discussions are also arranged between officials of His Majesty's Government of Nepal and the Indian Aid Mission to review the progress of Project.
- (iv) During the visit of the Minister of External Affairs to Nepal during August, 1964, it