

LOK SABHA

Thursday, April 28, 1966/Vaisakha 8,
1888 (Saka).

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Gandak Project

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*1394. Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:

Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Shri S. C. Samanta:

Shri Subodh Hansda:

Shrimati Savitri Nigam:

Shri P. C. Borooah:

Shri Shree Narayan Das:

Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Shri Bibhuti Mishra:

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

(a) whether as a result of the emphasis on food sufficiency, there has been any rephrasing of the Gandak Project to ensure its early completion; and

(b) if so, the latest position of the execution of this scheme?

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

(b) Efforts are being made to complete the construction of the barrage by June, 1967 and to create an irrigation potential of 7 lakh acres in Bihar by June, 1968. A statement is laid on the Table of the House showing the progress achieved so far on the construction of the Project. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—6175/66].

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: When was the scheduled date to complete this barrage, and why has it taken so much time?

Dr. K. L. Rao: The barrage is practically being completed on schedule, i.e., June, 1967. Due to want of steel, for which arrangements have been made now, though some part of the gates may not be completed, other works will be all completed by June, 1967.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know how much irrigation potential will be created when the barrage is completed, and whether all those villages which are destroyed by floods year after year will be saved?

Dr. K. L. Rao: Once the barrage is completed, water can be supplied for the entire canal system, but actually it will not be possible to do so because the canals will not be ready, but as the canals get ready more and more, water can be supplied from the barrage.

With regard to the effect of the barrage on the floods, we can almost take it that there will be no effect, because it is not intended for any flood control, it is not intended to give any protection to the villagers from the floods.

Shri P. C. Borooah: What will be the Nepal Government's contribution to the execution of this project, and what will be their share of the benefit that will be derived from this project?

Dr. K. L. Rao: The Nepalese contribution is their permission for proceeding with this work and giving lands in their area for the construction of the canals and a portion of the barrage in their area. Actually India is

doing the construction of the canals in the Nepal area.

श्री विश्वनाथ पाण्डेय : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि गंडक परियोजना पर अब तक कितना धन व्यय हो चुका है और इस की पूर्ति में कुल कितना धन व्यय होगा।

Dr. K. L. Rao: The expected cost of the project now is Rs. 121 crores, and so far we have spent about Rs. 20 crores.

Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha: May I know whether public co-operation has been sought or is forthcoming for expeditious execution of the project, and if so, may I know the voluntary organisations which have come forward to co-operate?

Dr. K. L. Rao: These areas of the Gandak project are rather far removed and are located in the forests, especially the area where we are constructing the project now. I am afraid I cannot say there is much of public co-operation coming forth at the moment.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : माननीय मंत्री जी ने बताया है कि इस योजना पर 121 करोड़ रुपया खर्च होगा। उन्होंने यह नहीं बताया कि इस में से कितना पैसा नेपाल सरकार देगी।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : उन्होंने बताया है कि वह जमीन देगी।

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : उन्होंने पैसे के बारे में नहीं बताया है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : अगर नेपाल सरकार ने पैसा देना होता, तो मिनिस्टर साहब वह भी बता देते।

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि नेपाल सरकार ने जिस जमीन की सहायता दी है, वह कितने मूल्य की है और इस योजना से नेपाल को कितना लाभ पहुंच सकेगा।

Dr. K. L. Rao: Probably I have not been quite clear. The land is also not given free by Nepal. We pay compensation for the land. What I meant was that the permission for proceeding with the project is given by Nepal, and the works in Nepal are being done by us as India's aid.

Shri Bishwanath Roy: In view of the slow progress in construction of the canal on the U.P. side, may I know whether its construction on that side would be completed within the scheduled time and if so when?

Dr. K. L. Rao: The U.P. canal is expected to be completed substantially and to be useful by 1970-71.

श्री क० ना० तिवारी : क्या सरकार को मालूम है कि जो दोन कैनल बन रही है, उस के पूरा होने में देरी होने की वजह से पानी नहीं मिल सकेगा, जिस के पणाम-स्वरूप आठ हजार एकड़ भूमि में खरीफ़ क्राप्स और अग्रहनी क्राप्स नहीं हो सकेंगी क्योंकि वहाँ पर बीज नहीं डाला जा सकेगा। यह बैराज मेरी कांस्टीट्यूएन्सी में है। क्या यह सही है कि 1967 में यह बैराज तो तैयार हो जायेगा, लेकिन कैनल में पानी नहीं आयेगा, जिस की वजह से एग्रोकल्चर का प्रोडक्शन बन्द रहेगा?

Dr. K. L. Rao: It is true that the canal will not be ready by the time the barrage will be ready. The Don canal in particular will not be completely ready; the linking up will be done and to that extent that length of the canal will be ready water will be let out.

श्री क० ना० तिवारी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, यह एक बड़ा इंपार्टेंट सवाल है। मैं इस के बारे में इन्फ़ॉर्मेशन चाहता हूँ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : माननीय सदस्य ने दो तीन सवाल पूछ लिये हैं।

श्री क० ना० तिवारी : ट्रिब्युटरीज में पानी न मिलने से एग्रीकल्चरल प्रोडक्शन नहीं हो सकेगा और बहुत हानि होगी।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मिनिस्टर साहब ने कहा है कि वाकई वह कैनाल रैडी नहीं होगी।

श्री श्रींकार लाल बेरवा : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस योजना से कितने गांव जलमग्न होंगे और कितने लोग बेवर्वार होंगे और उन के लिए सरकार ने या इन्तजाम किया है।

Dr. K. L. Rao: There is no appreciable submersion of my land and this may be probably in Nepal territory, because it is only a barrage; it is not a dam forming a reservoir, and the canal will not submerge or will not affect any villagers.

Mr. Speaker: I called Shri Bibhuti Mishra. He did not rise.

Shri A. P. Sharma: Is the Government contemplating to provide some other irrigation facilities like minor irrigation and tube-wells during this period when the canal is not completed and water is not let in that area through the barrage?

Dr. K. L. Rao: I do not think that it is possible; it will become a duplication. But in some portions of the area, where the canal will not be fed, it has been recently decided to set up some tubewells to irrigate about 30,000 acres in that area.

World Bank Team to Assess India's Third Plan Achievements

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Shri Hem Raj:
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Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:
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Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
Shri Maheswar Naik:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank team came to India to assess the progress of the Third Five Year Plan projects;

(b) if so, when;

(c) their assessment with regard to the projects and Government's reaction thereto;

(d) whether the Forth Five Year Plan's requirements have also been assessed by the World Bank team; and

(e) if so, their recommendations and Government's reaction thereto?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri): (a) Yes, Sir. In practice, the assessment was not in terms of individual projects but was in terms of the main sectors of development.

(b) The team was initially in India from September, 1964 to March, 1965.

(c) Their report was to be made to the President of the International Development & Reconstruction Bank and not to the Government of India. The report is understood not to have been finalised yet.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know whether the Committee which visited this country has suggested in its report certain measures, and has given unfortunately a despondent report that the third Five Year Plan in this country has not succeeded?

Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri: As I have already said, this report will