

tance expected to be made available for those projects;

(d) the details of their estimated cost ;and

(e) the target for their completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS) (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Starvation Deaths

*115. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:
SHRI BAPU HARI CHAURE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether la number of cases of starvation deaths and malnutrition have been reported from Orissa, Madhya pradesh and Bihar;

(b) whether the concerned State Governments have sent reports to the Union Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to prevent starvation deaths and malnutrition in those Statas?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The State Governments are implementing various poverty alleviation programmes to prevent starvation deaths and malnutrition. These include:-

(i) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana.

(ii) Revamped Public distribution System.

(iii) Supplementary Nutrition Programme.

(iv) old Age Pension Scheme.

(v) Feeding programmes under the Integrated Child Development Scheme.

[*English*]

National River Action Plan

*116. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposed National River Acfdtion Plan; and

(b) the time by it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIROMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). The National River Action Plan is under formulation. Details in this regard are being worked out.