

Storage of Flood Water

*50. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHEE TINDIVANAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have formulated any scheme for the storage of flood water for future use;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether any Central Agency has been set up for this purpose: and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). A National perspective for Water Resources Development prepared by Government envisages inter-linkages between various Peninsular rivers and Himalayan rivers separately for transfer of water from water rich basins to water short basins for optimum utilisation of water resources. National Perspective envisages, additional irrigation benefit of 35 millions hectares and generation of 40 million kilowatt hydropower in addition to flood control and water related benefits.

Government has established National Water Development Agency (NWDA) under Society Registration Act, 1860, in 1982 under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of Water Resources with Chief Ministers/Ministers in-Charge of Irrigation of State Governments, apart from Central/State Government officials as members and with a technical secretariat to firm up these proposals.

A total of 36 water transfer links, 17 under Peninsular component and 19 under Himalayan component have been identified by National Water Development Agency. While office studies of 12 links under peninsular component have been completed, studies of balance Peninsular links and all links under Himalayan component have been included in VIII plan. In addition, investigation of links of Peninsular component and 3 links of Himalayan component have been included in the VIII plan Programme of the Agency.

Irrigation Projects

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of medium and major on-going irrigation projects as on February, 28, 1993, State-wise?

(b) whether the amount allocated for irrigation projects has been continuously reduced during the last three years;

(c) if, so the reasons therefor; and

(d) the amount sought from world Bank for irrigation projects during 1992-93 and 1993-94 and its allocation, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTERS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (d). A statement is attached.