

Joint River Commission

1483. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any meeting of the Indo-Nepal Joint River Commission, constituted for the settlement of disputes regarding sharing of river water was held during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decisions arrived at therein;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the other steps taken to settle these disputes amicably?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) No Indo-Nepal Joint River Commission has been constituted for settlement of disputes regarding sharing of waters.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) Disputes on sharing of waters of common rivers of India and Nepal are settled through mutual negotiations. Recently, a Treaty on "Integrated Development of Mahakali River Basin including Sarda barrage, Tanakpur barrage and Pancheshwar project" has been signed by the Prime Ministers of both countries on 12.2.1996.

Polio free districts

1484. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any districts in India have been declared polio free;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Pathanamthitta district in Kerala is totally free from polio; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not declaring it Polio Free?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No case of poliomyelitis has been reported from Pathanamthitta district since October, 1988. However, a district is too small an unit to be declared polio free.

Production of Sugar

1485. MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI :

DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a shortfall in the production of sugar during October to December, 1995 as compared to the corresponding period during 1994;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of shortfall in production, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) and (b) The production of sugar upto 31st December, 1995 during the session 1995-96 was 37.27 lakh tonnes as against 41.16 lakh tonnes in the corresponding period during 1994-95 season. Initially, the production of sugar this season (1995-96) has been lower than the last session. It has picked up during the peak crushing season (commencing from January) and the gap is now steadily narrowing.

(c) A statement is enclosed.

STATEMENT

Statewise production of sugar during the season 1995-96 and 1994-95 upto 31st December (Provisional)

Sl.No.	State	Production	Production	Increase (+) or
		1995-96 (Tonnes)	1994-95 (Tonnes)	Decrease (-) In 1995-96 Over 1994-95
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Punjab	177545	162252	15293.00
2.	Haryana	103095	135018	-31923.00
3.	Rjasthan	1634	782	852.00
4.	Uttar Pradesh	983356	1028143	-44787.00