

Sl. No.	Name of Projects	Approved Cost	Latest Estd Cost	Expendr. upto 3/92	Outlay/Expenditure			Outlay for 1995-96	Likely date of completion
					92-93 Outlay Exp.	93-94 Outlay Exp.	Rs. in crores 94-95 Outlay Exp.		
7.	Donger Goah	2.15 (A)	8.00	0.40	0.00 0.00	0.50 0.20	0.05 0.55	—	-do-
8.	Channe Nadi	UA	6.00	1.03	0.00 0.10	0.00 0.00	0.05 0.05	—	-do-
9.	Karwappa Nalla	4.70 (A)	15.00	2.71	0.01 0.11	0.05 0.05	0.05 1.05	0.05	-do-

A : Approved

UA - Unapproved

TAC - Found acceptable by the Advisory Committee.

Arsenic Pollution in West Bengal

3789. SHRI PRADEEP BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that diseases due to Arsenic pollution in West Bengal are increasing rapidly;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government, with the help of foreign health authorities, propose to take any concrete steps to eradicate the diseases, which are increasing due to Arsenic pollution;

(c) the total assistance Union Government have rendered to the State Government for the same during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) whether the Union Government have been urged by the State Government to allocate more funds for the same; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Yes, Sir. Government of West Bengal has reported that diseases due to Arsenic pollution are on the rise.

(b) Two experts from WHO are presently undertaking a study on the arsenic contamination related health problems in West Bengal.

(c) to (e). The Union Government has assured the State Government to provide full support in obtaining the approval of the Planning Commission to the Action Plan prepared by

them, involving an expenditure of Rs. 7 crores, to combat arsenic related health problems in West Bengal.

The Union Government have also made the following releases of funds to the State for supply of clean drinking water.

Year	Rs. in lakhs
1993-94	480.92
1994-95	607.04
1995-96	2873.73

Dredging in the River Bed of Brahmaputra

3790. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Inland Waterways Authority of India had a plan for dredging in the river bed of the Brahmaputra from Dhubri to Guwahati in order to ensure a minimum of two metres depth in this stretch;

(b) if so, whether the task has since been completed; and

(c) if not, the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Admission of Foreign Students in Education Centres

3791. SHRI GANGA RAM KOLI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: