

Floods in Assam

5634. Shri Hem Barua: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that floods are taking place currently in the State of Assam; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to counteract this menace on the permanent basis in view of the fact that floods are a recurring phenomenon in Assam?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a) Yes.

(b) Flood Control Works have been taken up on a systematic basis in the State since 1954 and these are being continued according to resources available. Upto the end of the Third Plan over 2000 miles of embankments along the Brahmaputra, the Barak and their tributaries and 450 miles of drainage channels have been constructed and 29 Town Protection Schemes were executed. Besides construction of additional embankments and raising and strengthening of existing embankments, the emphasis in future works is proposed to be laid on the construction of reservoirs if feasible on the tributaries of Brahmaputra and the Barak for the moderation of floods, as well as on river training and anti-erosion works, drainage behind embankments and experimental dredging at selected places.

Hydro-electric project on Chenab at Dhian Garh (J & K)

5635. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to construct a hydro-electric project on the river Chenab at Dhian Garh (J & K); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a) Yes. Detailed investigations of the Salal

Hydro-Electric Project on the river Chenab in the vicinity of Dhiangarh are being carried out by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

(b) Details of the project would be known after completion of the investigations now in progress.

Sub-way for pedestrians near Regal, New Delhi

5636. Shri Atam Das: Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to construct sub-ways for pedestrians near the Regal Cinema in Connaught Place, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the area to be covered by these sub-ways;

(c) the extent how these sub-ways provide facilities for the traffic; and

(d) the expenditure to be incurred on this scheme?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. S. Chandrasekhar): (a) There is a provision in the Zonal Development Plan for Zone D-1 (Connaught Place and its extension) which has been approved by the Government, for a pedestrian sub-way at the junction of Parliament Street and outer circle of the Connaught Place near Regal Cinema.

(b) Parliament Street and outer circle of Connaught Place (Radial Road No. 1).

(c) The sub-way will segregate pedestrians and cyclists from the fast traffic.

(d) The preliminary estimated cost of the scheme is Rs. 12.75 lakhs.

Residential accommodation in Ramakrishnapuram

5637. Shri Bal Raj Madhok:
Shri M. L. Sondhi: