

feet near Nagaur in Rajasthan with the construction of 300 feet high dam over an area of 40 sq. miles and a storage of 100 million acre feet on the Sone. The scheme is estimated to cost about Rs. 14,000 crores.

The Government has received Dastur Plan and other such schemes envisaging inter-linking of rivers in the country. An integrated system of irrigation is considered necessary in view of deficient and uneven distribution of rain-fall in the country. However, before investigations for such long-term schemes are taken up, it is essential to first study in depth the position of surpluses and shortages in various basins, sub-basins and regions and determine possibilities for inter-basin and inter-regional transfer of waters taking into consideration the minimum needs of drought-prone areas. Such a study is in hand by the Central Water Commission.

#### **Allotment of land for construction of a Nursery School**

2447. SHRI P. S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the facilities generally offered in Government Printing Press, establishments, for setting up schools for the benefit of employees;

(b) whether Government have received requests from the employees of the Government of India Press at Perianaickenpalayam, Coimbatore for providing a suitable land close to the residential quarters for construction of a nursery school; and

(c) if so, the action taken on the request and the probable time by which land will be allotted?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK):  
(a) Wherever considered necessary

School buildings are provided in the Press Colonies.

(b) and (c). Yes. A request has been received from the Convenor of the Government Press Colony Residential Association for allotment of a site for school building. The matter is under consideration and decision is likely to be taken shortly.

#### **Housing Scheme for Factory Workers in Kerala**

2448. SHRI K. KUNHAMBU:  
SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Kerala Government regarding Housing Scheme for factory workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK):

(a) No, Sir.

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

#### **Central Irrigation Project operating in Tribal Belt and Hilly Area of Chhota Nagpur**

2449. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Central Irrigation Project operating in Dhanbad-Giridih Hilly Area of Chhotanagpur Tribal belt;

(b) if so, the acres of land benefited by that project; and

(c) if not, whether any Project for the future to irrigate the hilly land is under consideration?