

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?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) No, Sir. Irrigation is a State subject and Irrigation Projects are planned, investigated, formulated, constructed, operated and financed by the State Governments themselves.

(b) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

(c) The Government of Bihar have proposed one major and two medium irrigation schemes to provide irrigation facilities to the area in the Hazari-bagh and Dhanbad Districts as detailed below:—

Name of the Project	Estimated Benefits. cost. (Rs. lakhs) ('000' ha)
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Major Irrigation Scheme.

Konar Diversion Scheme.	1143.00	70.00
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Medium Irrigation Scheme.

1. Gobai Barrage Scheme.	188.41	4.95
2. Khudia Scheme.	188.28	4.53

The reports of these schemes are under technical scrutiny in the Central Water Commission.

Sale of Road Rollers by Maruti Heavy Vehicles Ltd.

2450. SHRI MADHU LIMAYE: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received any representations about the sale of road rollers to the P.W. Departments of the various State Governments by Maruti Heavy Vehicles Limited at fantastic prices;

(b) whether some of the road rollers sold were the same road rollers

involved in the Wahi Road Roller scandal probed by a Committee of Parliament during the Fourth Lok Sabha;

(c) whether any undue influence was brought to bear on the State Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, whether the Commission of Enquiry set up to enquire into the Maruti and Sanjay Gandhi affairs will also go into this?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): (a) Yes, Sir. Representation has been received by the Prime Minister. The purchase represented to have been made by the State Governments were not through Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals, nor have Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals purchased any road rollers from Maruti Heavy Vehicles Limited.

(b) to (d). These matters are covered by the terms of reference of the Commission of Enquiry appointed to look into the affairs of Maruti concerns.

अस्पतालों में सलाई किये जाने वाले दूध से पानी

2451. डा० लक्ष्मीनारायण पांडेय : क्या कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 19 अप्रैल, 1977 के 'हिन्दुस्तान' में 'अस्पतालों के दूध में आधा पानी' शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार है ?