

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) to (c). A large number of storage schemes on the river in India—small and large, are in different phases of construction by the States and will be progressively completed according to the availability of Plan funds.

Suggestion for Linking the Ganga and Cauvery

2594. SHRI MANDHATA SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the linking of the Ganga with the Cauvery through a vast canal as proposed by the late Shri K.L. Rao has been given up altogether;

(b) if so, the reasons for rejecting this suggestions; and

(c) if not, the time by which the project is likely to be taken up for implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b). The scheme formulated by Dr. K.L. Rao required large blocks of power for lifting water and the cost was also found to be prohibitive. Therefore, the proposal was not pursued further. As an alternative, the Government have prepared a national perspective for water development, envisaging 17 river links. Studies on 5 of them are planned to be completed by end of March, 1990.

(c) Does not arise.

Facilities for patients in AIIMS

2595. SHRI RAM SAGAR (Saidpur): Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether patients coming from different parts of the country to get treatment in AIIMS, and Safdarjung hospitals in Delhi are not only ignored but also humiliated; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROURAY): (a) No Sir, Specialised and adequate attention is given by the doctors, Nurses and other staff to all patients admitted in the various wards and also to patients reporting to the General Out Patient/Department including the Casualty out Patient Department of AIIMS and Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Surplus Water at Tejawala Head Works of Yamuna

2596. CH. JAGDEEP DHANKHAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any surplus water available at the Tejawala Head Works of Yamuna; and

(b) if so, whether there is any plan to supply this water for irrigation purposes to Jhunjhunu district in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Yes, Sir; flood waters spill-over the Tajewalla weir.

(b) No, Sir; there is no such approved scheme.