

[Translation]

Narmada and Sardar Sarovar Project

5287. SHRI RAM AWADH:
DR. BANGALI SINGH:
SHRISHIVSHARAN VARMA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Hindi daily Janasatta dated 22 March, 1990 under the caption "Narmada was Sardar Sarovar ki Bajai Chhote Project Shuru Karne Ki appeal";

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government have conducted any survey in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Government is aware of the news-item.

(b) to (e). To attain the ultimate irrigation potential of 113.5 m. ha. the country needs extensive surface irrigation development through both large and small irrigation projects. The appropriateness of the size of hydraulic structures is determined by a number of factors, like, hydrology, topography, geological conditions, demand for water, environmental considerations and the economic viability of the project and the decisions are location specific. All these factors are taken into account before a project is cleared for implementation.

[English]

Renaming of Parliament Street, New Delhi

5288. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRI-YAPPA:
SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand from several organisations to rename Parliament Street, New Delhi after Chaudhary Charan Singh; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The Delhi Administration has reported that no such demand has been received.

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

Expenditure on Sardar Sarovar Project

5289. DR. VENKATESH KABDE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of expenditure likely to be incurred on Sardar Sarovar and the amount to be spent during 1990-91;

(b) whether any external assistance is likely to be obtained for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) The revised estimated cost of Sardar Sarovar Project is

Rs. 6406.04 crores and proposed outlay for 1990-91 is Rs. 364.76 crores, including the share of other three concerned States.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. External assistance from the World Bank Group to the tune of US \$ 450 million and DECF assistance amounting to 2850 Million yen for Turbines for Power House has been obtained.

[*Translation*]

Kailo River Projects of M.P.

5290. SHRI NANDA KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) when the construction work on the Kailo River Project at Raigarh in Madhya Pradesh was started;

(b) the time by which it is likely to be completed; and

(c) the initial estimated cost and the present cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Works on this project was not started during VII Plan. It is not an approved project.

(b) Details of the 8th Plan are not yet finalised, hence it is not clear as to what extent this project will stand included in the 8th Plan of the State.

(c) Project report sent to the Centre in May, 1988 indicated the estimated cost to be Rs. 57.88 crores. The latest estimated cost indicated by the State is Rs. 67.60 crores.

[*English*]

Action Plan for Rural Labour Force

5291. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to prepare an action plan for improving speedily the lot of the rural labour force, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it included the reordering of investment and allocation of resources in favour of rural section;

(c) if so, the extent to which it will be affecting the rural poor, particularly those belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes; and

(d) whether Government also propose to set up minoring cells to watch the progress made under the proposed scheme; if so, the composition of the said cell?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b). A number of schemes for providing employment to the rural workers are being implemented by the Central Government with the help of the State Governments. The Government of India propose to strengthen these schemes to provide work opportunities to the rural labour. The Government has also decided to progressively increase the resources allocated to the rural sector.

(c) As the rural landless people largely comprise of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes it is expected that these programmes would cover all the rural poor Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

(d) Various schemes under employment generation, anti-poverty programmes etc.