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### **Scheme for Water Storage in Rajasthan**

5484. SHRI NANDLAL MEENA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state whether any scheme is under the consideration of Government for saving and storage of water in Rajasthan where water table is receding continuously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): Scheme for use of water in Rajasthan also envisage conservation and storage of water to the extent possible. In addition, schemes for surface water canals envisage conjunctive use of surface water and ground water together.

### **Inquiry Regarding Glaciers**

5485. DR. BENGALI SINGH:  
SHRI SHIV SHARAN 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 "Jansatta" dated 24th March, 1990 under the caption 'Sawdhan glacier Pichhe Hat Rahe Hain'.

(b) if so, whether Government have decided to get an inquiry conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Systematic glaciological Studies on a few glaciers have been carried

out since 1973. The studies have revealed that these glaciers are in a state of recession. The retreat or advancement of glaciers is guided by general climatic fluctuations. The present global climate is generally warming up which is leading to the retreat of glaciers.

[*English*]

### **Traffic Congestion In NCR**

5486. SHRI KALP NATH RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any long term plans have been drawn to ease traffic Congestion in the National Capital Region; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The long-term plans include the following:—

i) Expressways on Delhi-Ghaziabad, Meerut, Panipat-Sonipat and Ghaziabad - Faridabad - NOIDA routes;

ii) Widening and strengthening of National Highways 1, 2, 6, 8, 10 and 24 in the National Capital Region;

iii) Strengthening of Outer grid road (Palwal-Sohna-Rewari-Jhajjar-Rohtak-Gohana-Panipat-Meerut-Hapur-Bulandshahr-Khurja-Palwal-Khurja to NCR boundary in the South; Meerut to NCR boundary in the North; and Bhiwadi-Jhajja-Kishangarh and Alwar); and of Inner grid