

**Flood Control**

720. SHRI KABINDRA

PURKAYASTHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the funds allocated for flood control to the Government of Assam during the last three years have been properly utilised;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) The Union Government releases funds under Central Loan Assistance to the Government of Assam for flood management in Brahmaputra and Barak Valleys. The State Government reports utilisation of these funds through audited accounts. The State Government has reported full utilisation for the year 1991-92 and 1992-93. Similar information for 1993-94 has not yet been received from the State.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Water Management and Human Resource Development**

721. KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a National meet on Water Management and Human Resource Development was held recently in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of organisations participated therein; and

(c) the issue discussed and decisions arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) A National Convention on Water Management-Human Resources Development Needs was held in New Delhi from 19th to 21st April, 1994 and 48 organisations participated therein.

(c) A Statement is enclosed.

**Statement**

During the National Convention on Water Management - Human Resources Development Needs held in Delhi from 19th to 21st April, 1994, the main issues discussed related to upgrading Water Management and identifying Human Resources needs for water sector as a whole. This has covered fields like flood management, rural water supply, Hydro-electric development, ground water development, irrigation management development, pollution control etc.

The following conclusions emerged:

1. There is utmost need for systematic identification of Human Resource Development needs in the various sub-sectors connected with water resources development both for short-term and long-term perspectives.

2. It was considered that task force in different sectors connected with water resources management should be formed comparison of well known experts in the different fields who have to precisely identify the sector-wise need with specific reference to Human Resource Development