

Water Resources in Bihar

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether the Union Government have conducted any survey for surface and underground water resources which could be utilised for irrigation in Bihar

(b) if so the details thereof and

(c) if not the time by which such survey is likely to be conducted?

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) to (c) Irrigation being a State subject surveys for water resources development are carried out by the State Governments. However for inter-State rivers hydrological observations are conducted by the Central Water Commission which include rivers in Bihar also. The Central Ground Water Board have carried out survey and exploration, the annual replenishable groundwater resources of the State of Bihar has been assessed as 2 84 million hectare metres

[English]

ISI Hand in Train Blasts

490 SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether the hand of the Pakistani Intelligence Agency Inter Services Intelligence (ISI) has been suspected in the incidents of bomb blasts that took place in two different compartments of the Link Express at Laksar and Hardwar Railway Stations recently

(b) if so the details thereof and

(c) the action being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P M SAYEED) (a) to (c) the Government does not have any information about involvement of the Pakistan ISI in the recent bomb blasts in the Link Express

[Translation]

LPG Connections

491 SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation Limited has suspended the issuance of all the LPG connections which were sanctioned in 1989-90 on priority basis by his Ministry

(b) if so the reasons therefor

(c) whether the Government propose to withdraw the suspension and provide LPG connections to the consumers,

(d) if so, the details thereof and

(e) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT SATISH KUMAR

SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). Do not arise

[English]

Chinese Technology for Under-ground Mining

42 SHRI RAM KAPSE Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to State:

(a) whether the Coal India Ltd (CIL) has sought Chinese technology for underground mining as a part of its programme of productivity maximisation,

(b) the report submitted by the Chinese team which surveyed the major underground mines in October, 1993, and

(c) the areas identified for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT PANJA)

(a) Yes Sir

(b) and (c) In October, 1993, the Chinese Coal delegation visited Churcha west and Behraband Underground mines of South Eastern coalfields Ltd the Chinese side after visit to the above mines expressed that hard roof at Churcha west and Behrabandh could be effectively managed for caving and that cutting of hard coal at Pathakhera could also be managed Regarding Tandsi Project further development work is required to be completed before any further action is taken

Allocation of Water

493 SHRI HARADHAN ROY Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the effect of rising siltage on Calcutta port and increasing dearth of irrigation water in the lower West Bengal districts,

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have made any arrangement for fair allocation of water among the Gangetic states, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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) and (b) During years when lean season flows are lower than that in an average year, there is reduced withdrawal through feeder canal from Farakka barrage to West Bengal and Calcutta port

(c) and (d) there is no such arrangement

ISI Activities

494 SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether ISI of Pakistan has been recruiting youths from the twin-cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad in Andhra Pradesh and sending them to Pakistan for terrorist training,

(b) whether the hand of ISI is suspected in the spate of bomb blasts in these cities including the incident in the A P Express on December 6, 1993,

(c) if so, the details thereof,