

Barrage Project Organisation has formulated an anti-erosion scheme at an estimated cost of Rs. 16.94 crores to protect the bank of the River Ganges along the full length of Jangipur afflux bund by stone revetment and launching apron. The scheme is under technical examination of the Central Water Commission and is under consideration for inclusion in the works of the Farakka Project in the VII Five Year Plan.

Revised project report of Vamsadhara Project Stage II

2679. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a revised project report of the Vamsadhara Project Stage II providing for the higher flood discharge of 1980 was sent to Central Water Commission in 1982-83;

(b) if so, the details thereof and when the proposal is going to be cleared; and

(c) whether he is convening a meeting with the Chief Ministers of Orissa and Andhra Pradesh in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the revised report, the project is estimated to cost Rs. 126.14 crores and will create an irrigation potential of 43430 ha. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has yet to establish the techno-economic feasibility of the project. As such, it may not be possible to say when the project will be cleared.

(c) In view of the above, convening a meeting of the Chief Ministers of Orissa and Andhra Pradesh will be considered at an appropriate stage.

Recession in Shipping Industry

2680. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the severe recession in Shipping industry;

(b) if so, whether it will cut back on the building and ship acquisition programme of the Public and Private Sector Shipping Companies; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to overcome the current recession ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ship acquisition programme by the companies is decided after taking into account various relevant factors like the current status of shipping industry including the recession, the likely future prospects of demand for shipping tonnage, the scrapping envisaged for overaged vessels, the existing and likely level of ship prices in world market etc.

(c) The Government have no direct control over the global recession. Moreover to help the industry to tide over the difficult period, Government gives cargo support and financial assistance to them to the maximum extent feasible.

Irrigation potential of Madhya Pradesh

2681. SHRI ARVIND NETAM : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the ultimate Irrigation potential in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) what is the percentage of irrigation to Madhya Pradesh ending 1983-84 and how does it compare with all India percentages;

(c) has any perspective plan for creation of full potential been prepared and if so, by which year this is likely to be achieved; and

(d) in view of large untapped irrigation potential in Madhya Pradesh and in view of limited resources of State, what steps are proposed to be taken by Govern-