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- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount allocated for these schemes during 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b). Flood Control schemes in Punjab are being implemented by the State Government only

and there are no centrally sponsored flood schemes in that State.

(c) The Union Government has, however, provided funds to the Government of Punjab for taking counter-protective measures in the border districts along the international rivers to prevent the erosion of the river bank and diversion of flood towards India.

The details of this assistance are given below:

Year	Central Loan Assistance	Grant-in-Aid (Rs. in lakhs)
1987-88	100.00	440.84
1988-89	225.00	58.91

## World Bank AID for Projects in Punjab

7585. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of projects of Punjab getting aid from the World Bank; and
- (b) the progress made in completing each of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b). The National Agricultural Extension Project-III, providing for investments in 4 States, including Punjab, is currently under implementation with World Bank assistance. The World Bank has committed on IDA credit of SDR 71.7 million for the project. The project is expected to be completed by 31st March, 1994.

## Rail Link to Eastern Region of the Country

7586. SHRIMATID.K. BHANDARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether majority of areas in Eastern region have not yet been connected through rail link after attainment of independence;
  and
  - (b) if so, the names of these areas?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) States not yet connected by rail in the Eastern region of the country are: Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Sikkim.