

(a) whether Ganga Action Plan has recommended to bring Ganga river upto Ghats and to construct a Barrage to solve the water problem in Kanpur;

(b) if so, whether estimated cost of the Barrage is also mentioned in the recommendation;

(c) whether any offer for assistance has been received from the World Bank for this Barrage; and

(d) when the construction work of the Barrage will start and the time by which is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d). A committee constituted by the Ministry of Environment & Forests in January, 1988 recommended, among others, construction of a gated barrage at Kanpur approximately estimated to cost Rs. 130 crores. The detailed project report has not been received at the Centre.

Standard of literature at railway book stalls

4183. SHRI NARESH CHANDRA CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

(a) whether sub-standard and obscans literature is sold at the bookstalls of M/s A.H. Wheeler and Company at various Railway Stations;

(b) whether M/s A.H. Wheeler are not giving due place and publicity to Hindi books;

(c) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Railways have awarded the contract to M/s A.H. Wheeler and Com-

pany for 9 years, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the number of Hindi boards in comparison to English at the book stalls of M/s A.H. Wheeler is negligible if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d). Yes, Sir. In 1967, it was decided to delete the clause of "Automatic renewal" from the agreement but to extend the period of agreement from 5 years to 9 years.

(e) Bookstall contractors sell books and magazines which are generally required by travelling public. The language-wise count of books is not maintained by the Railways.

Scheme to Minimise Sea-Erosion In Lakshadweep

4184. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to minimise the sea-erosion in Lakshadweep;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes and the action taken in this regard; and

(c) the fund provided to the Government of Lakshadweep during 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b). Anti sea erosion measures have been planned to protect vulnerable reaches as recommended by the them of experts.