crops. The increase in production reported by Punjab and Haryana for rice and what is partly due to increase in area and partly to higher yields per hectare.

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- (b) Production estimates for 1977-78 have not yet become due from the States.
- (c) The concrete steps taken to improve productivity include: creasing the coverage of area under High-Yielding Varieties, (2) selection and extension of suitable technology for various crops under different conditions of rainfall, irrigation, soil types, etc; (3) special fertilizer campaigns in selected districts to increase the use of fertilizers and also to improve its efficiency through proper methods of application; (4) special campaign for application of phosphatic fertilizers to increase the production of gram, tur, etc; (5)training of extension staff and farmers in the latest technology developed by Agricultural Universities; (6) efforts to secure uninterrupted supply of electricity and irrigation water (7) arrangements for supply of production credit to farmers and (8) increase in procurement prices and lowering this price of urea.

बाण सागर बांघ योजना 163 श्री सुखेन्द्र सिंह : श्री यमुना प्रसाद शास्त्री :

क्या कृषि ग्रौर सिंबाई मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:-

- (क) क्या सरकार ने मध्य प्रदेश में सोन नदी पर बाण सागर बांध के निर्माण कार्य को, जिसे पहल आरम्भ कर दिया गया था लिकन कुछ कारणों से बंद करना पड़ा था, पुन: आरम्भ करने की स्वीकृति दे दी हैं;
- (ख) यदि हां, तो इस परियोजना पर कितना व्यय होने का अनुमान है और अन्य राज्यों द्वारा इस व्यय को किस प्रकार बांटा जायेगा ;

- (ग) इसके पूरा होने पर मध्य प्रदेश में कितनी भूमि में सिचाई होगी भौर बिहार तया उत्तर प्रदेश को कितना पानी मिलेगा ; भौर
- (घ) इस परियोजना के कब तक पूरा होने की सम्भावना है ?

कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री भानु प्रताप सिंह): (क) बामेंण सागर नियंत्रण बोर्ड ने भएनी पहली बैठक में, जो केन्द्रीय कृषि भौर सिंचाई मंत्री की अध्य-क्षता में 17 सितम्बर, 1977 को हुई थी, यह निश्चय किया था कि बाण सागर बांध का निर्माण कार्य भौर विलम्ब किए बिना शुरू किया जाना चाहिए।

बोर्ड ने बिहार भीर उत्तर प्रदेश की राज्य सरकारों से भं यह अनुरोध किया था कि वे बाण सागर के जल में उनके हिस्से के उपयोग के बारे में भ्रपनी रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत करें ताकि बाण सागर परियोजना को योजन, श्रायोग द्वारा स्वीकृति देने के लिए कार्रवाई की जा सके।

- (ख) मध्य देश सरकार द्वारा प्रस्तुत बाण सागर परियोजना की अनुमानित लागत 172.44 करोड़ रुपये हैं जिसमें बिहार और उत्तर प्रदेश की सिंचाई प्रणालियों की लागत शामिल नहीं है। बाण सागर बांघ की लागत लगभग 56 करोड़ रुपये हैं जो मध्य प्रदेश, बिहार और उत्तर प्रदेश में 2:1:1 के अनुपात में बांटी जाएगी।
- (ग) बाण सागर परियोजना से मध्य प्रदेश में 2.49 लाख हैक्टेयर क्षेत्र की वार्षिक सिंचाई करना परिकल्पित है बिहार भीर उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य दोनों संचित जल में से एक एक मिलियन एकड़ फुट जल प्राप्त करेंगे।

(घ) संभावना है कि यह परियोजना निर्माण कार्य शुरू होने के पश्चात लगभग .8-9 वर्षों में पूरी हो खाएगी।

National Service Volunteer Scheme

- 164. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the "National Service Volunteer Scheme" has been started this year as an extension of the National Service Scheme;
- (b) if so, broad features of the scheme and the amount allocated for this scheme; and
- (c) the States in which this scheme has been introduced?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). National Service Volunteer Scheme launched from 1977-78 aims at providing opportunities to youth who have completed their first degree, to involve themselves on a voluntary basis in nation-building activities for a specific period on a wholetime basis. To begin with the NS volunteers will be engaged in promotion of programmes of adult education/non-formal education through Nehru Yuvak Kendras and voluntary agencies for a minimum period of one year. The volunteers would be suitably trained before they start work in the field. Each volunteer will be paid a stipend of Rs. 175/-per month plus expenditure involved on travel and contingencies. For the year 1977-78, a budget provision of Rs. 7.5 lakhs has been made for the sheme. The sheme has been introduced in all the States.

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- 165. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SO-CIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) the recommendations made by the Committee set up to assess the financial requirements of T.M.S.S.M. Library, Thanjavur during the Fifth Plan period; and
- (b) the action initiated by the Government of India for implementing those recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) and (b). The Visiting Committee set up by the Government of India to assess the financial requirements of the T.M.S.S.M. Library, Thanjavur has not as yet finalised its report Government will consider the Committee's recommendations after the report has been submitted to it.

Report on Pilot Intensive Rural Employment Project

- 166. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Government have received the Report of the Review Committee on Pilot Intensive Rural Employment Project (P.I.R.E.P.) headed by Shri M. L. Dantwala; and
- (b) if so, whether the Government have decided to implement the said report and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Report is under examination and for this purpose an Empowered Committee has been constituted in