

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) There is a plan to explore, excavate or survey some sites described in the Ramayana and the Mahabharata.

(b) Of the places mentioned in the Ramayana explorations have been carried out at Ayodhya and Nandigram (District Faizabad), Valmiki Ashram at Bithur (District Kanpur), Sringerapur and Bhardwaj Ashram at Allahabad (District Allahabad) and Chitrakut (District Banda). Among the places mentioned in the Mahabharata explorations have been carried out at Hastinapura, Baghpat and Barnawa (District Meerut), Ahichchhatra (District Barielly), Indraprastha (Delhi), Kampil (District Farrukhabad), Mathura (District Mathura), Kurukshetra and Pehowa (District Kurukshetra), Panipat (District Karnal), Tilpat (District Gurgaon), Rajgir (District Nalanda), Bairat (District Jaipur) and Dwarka (District Jamnagar).

(c) and (d). Planned archeological excavations are being carried out at Ayodhya, Nandigram, Sringerapur and Bhardwaj Ashram since 1975 as a part of the Ramayana project. Among the places mentioned in the Mahabharata, excavations have been carried out at Hastinapura and Ahichchhatra some years back. Mathura was excavated during the last four seasons.

These excavations provided employment opportunities to the local people who were employed in large numbers according to necessity on various types of work such as digging, recording and surveying.

Break-up Price of DDA Flats

771. SHRI T. S. NEGI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to refer to the replies given to Unstarred Question Nos. 3144

on 11th July, 1977 and 251 on 5th December, 1977 and state:

(a) whether the required information has since been collected and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the information sought for in parts (a) to (c) of Unstarred Question No. 3144 referred to above is not determined prior to the allotment of the flats; and

(c) if the information has not been collected so far, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) Yes, Sir. The details are furnished in statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library See No. LT-1620/78]

(b) Disposal cost of the flats is determined prior to the allotment in accordance with the policy of the Delhi Development Authority at the time of allotment.

(c) Does not arise.

Marine Fishery in Andaman and Nicobar

772. SHRI PADMACHARAN SAMANTASINERA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in Andaman and Nicobar the Marine Fisheries have more potentiality;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken for the development of fisheries in that area; and

(c) the amount of funds provided for that purpose?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Based on the report of a Technical Study Team and the recommenda-

tion of the Committee of Secretaries, it has been decided to set up a Fisheries Development Corporation for exploitation of tunas and other fish, setting up of boat building yard and establishment of training-cum-survey-cum-research activities. Project Report for establishing the Corporation is being finalised.

(c) There is a provisional outlay of Rs. 40 lakhs in the annual Plan 1978-79 which includes a token provision of Rs. 5 lakhs for the proposed Corporation.

राजस्थान नहर के लिये सहायता के बदले
ईरान को दिया जाने वाला खाद्यान्न

773. श्री चतुर्भुज : क्या कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राजस्थान नहर का निर्माण करने के लिए ईरान की सरकार के साथ बातचीत चल रही है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि ईरान राजस्थान नहर का निर्माण करने में अपने योगदान के लिए उस क्षेत्र में उत्पादित होने वाले खाद्यान्न में अपना भाग चाहता है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सप्लाई किए जाने वाले खाद्यान्न की मात्रा किस्म और दर के बारे में समझौता हो गया है और यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्री (श्री सुरजीत सिंह बरनाला) : (क) ईरान के शहनशाह ने पेट्रोलियम निर्यातक देशों के संगठन (ओपेक) के मूल्यों पर प्रतिवर्ष अतिरिक्त कच्चे तेल की सप्लाई उधार पर करने की पेशकश की है। इन किस्तों की समतुल्य रुपया-राशि को स्वीकृत परियोजनाओं के वित्त-पोषण के लिए प्रयोग किया जा सकता है। राजस्थान नहर स्कीम

चरण-दो उन परियोजनाओं में से एक है जिनके लिए यह राशि इस्तेमाल की जा सकती है। ईरान को अदायगी करने के तरीके को अभी तय किया जाना है।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न उत्पन्न नहीं होते।

Irrigation facilities in Ladakh

774. SHRIMATI PARVATI DEVI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to survey the construction of small canals and develop irrigation facilities in Ladakh wherever such construction is technically feasible; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House when received.

वर्ष 1976-77 में मध्य प्रदेश के चावल, गेहूँ और चीनी की कम सप्लाई

775. श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : क्या कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्री 28 नवम्बर, 1977 के अतारंकित प्रश्न संख्या 1707 के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रिय सरकार द्वारा वर्ष 1976-77 में मध्य प्रदेश के लिए आवंटित खाद्यान्न के कोटे की तथा चावल, गेहूँ और चीनी की सप्लाई 2 लाख टन कम की गई थी और यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने इसकी सप्लाई में कटौती पर विरोध प्रकट किया है और यह मांग की है कि