

Floods in Delhi due to rise in Yamuna Level

4124. SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether several villages have been flooded in Delhi due to the rise in the level of river Yamuna recently;

(b) if so, the loss of life and property as a result thereof; and

(c) the compensation given to the victims, if any?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Several villages in Delhi territory have been flooded/affected due to recent floods in Yamuna.

Villages of Gopalpur, Wazirabad and Jagatpur lying between the river and the right marginal bund, the village of Jaitpur downstream of Okhla Weir and parts of land belonging to these villages were inundated.

As a result of breaches in the Drain No. 6 and Bawana escape, villages in the area were also flooded.

(b) and (c). No loss of life has so far been reported and damage to property crops etc. is being assessed.

Committee for Flood Control in Brahmaputra

4125. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up an expert committee to examine the question of flood control in Brahmaputra; and

(b) if so, its composition?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) A

High-level Committee has been set up by Government for giving expert technical direction and advice for storage of the waters of the Brahmaputra and Meghna systems for multi-purpose benefits including flood control.

(b) The Committee is headed by the Chairman, Central Water Commission and has as its members the senior officers of Central Water Commission, Central Electricity Authority, Survey of India, National Remote Sensing Agency, India Meteorological Department and the Brahmaputra Flood Control Commission, and a retired Chairman of the Central Electricity Authority as a non-official member.

Revision in Support Price of Paddy

4126. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

SHRI SARAT KAR:

SHRI ISHWAR CHAUDHRY:

SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the States have demanded for an upward revision in the support price of paddy; and

(b) if so, the decision of the Government thereon?

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

(b) The price and procurement policy for paddy for 1978-79 season will be decided in September-October, 1978 in the light of the recommendations of the Agricultural Prices Commission and the views expressed by State Governments.