

BUILDINGS OF *ex*-RULERS

169. **Shri Tushar Chatterjea:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the names of buildings which belonged to *ex*-rulers of States and which have been acquired by Government for their use in 1954;

(b) for what specific purposes they are used; and

(c) the terms on which these buildings have been acquired?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) No building belonging to *Ex*-Rulers of States has been acquired by Government in 1954.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

EROSION BY THE GANGES

170. **Shri T. K. Chaudhuri:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the erosion by the river Ganges near about the municipal town of Dhuliyān and the Dhuliyān Ganges Station on the Eastern Railways in the Bandel-Barharwa loop line Section;

(b) whether any report on this erosion has been sent to the Central Government by the Government of West Bengal;

(c) whether it is a fact that this erosion is considered by competent engineers as an indication of a change in the course of the river Ganges;

(d) the remedial measures, if any, already taken by Government in this connection; and

(e) whether the State Government also have taken any steps in this connection?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and

will be laid on the Table of the House.

SARODA PROJECT

171. **Shri Magan Lal Bagdi:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on Saroda Project in Madhya Pradesh has been started;

(b) if so, the progress made so far;

(c) the total amount sanctioned for the purpose; and

(d) the time by which the work is expected to be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) The reply is in the affirmative.

(b) Excavation of Puddle Trench is in progress and the expenditure upto end of September, 1954, is about Rs. 2.16 lakhs.

(c) Rs. 39.62 lakhs.

(d) The Saroda tank is expected to start irrigating 15,000 acres of land in 1956-57 and to achieve the full target of 21,000 acres by 1957-58.

MIGRATION OF PERSONS FROM INDIA TO PAKISTAN

172. **Shri Mahodaya:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons who migrated so far from India to Pakistan; and

(b) the State-wise break up of these figures?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Defence (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). Under the Indo-Pakistan passport scheme, persons wishing to migrate from one country to another do not require the permission of the country from which they are migrating. Such intending migrants are allowed to leave the country on the basis of migration certificates or emergency