

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). Families have been brought to Dandakaranya for rehabilitation in batches from time to time. Upto 29-2-1980, 44,594 families had been brought to Dandakaranya since its inception for rehabilitation; of these 19,664 settled families and 4,939 karmi Shibir families (awaiting settlement) are in position.

Deletion of Paragraph 2 of the Ganga River Water Agreement

894. SHRI SATISH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the West Bengal Government have urged upon the Central Government to delete paragraph 2 of the Ganga River Water Agreement under which West Bengal was getting only 1,200 cusecs of water;

(b) whether it is also a fact that unless the water flow is increased both Haldia and Calcutta Ports will languish as atleast 40,000 cusecs of water flow is necessary to keep these Ports mobile; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) West Bengal Government have suggested the deletion of Para (ii) of Article II, under which at present only about 17,000 cusecs is available for the Farakka Feeder Canal.

(b) The optimal head water flows for Calcutta Port are assessed at 40,000 cusecs. Some benefits would still be there with lower flows but not to the extent planned.

(c) In the dry seasons, there is not enough water in the Ganga to meet the full requirements of both the countries. The Agreement therefore, pro-

vides for the Indo-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission to carry out investigation and study of schemes relating to the augmentation of the dry season flows of the Ganga, proposed or to be proposed by either Government with a view to finding a solution which is economical and feasible. Proposals of the two countries in this connection are now before the Commission.

Setting up of a T.V. Centre at Thirumala Hills

895. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation to set up a full fledged Television Centre on Thirumala Hills; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b). Due to constraints on resources and low priority given for TV expansion, there is at present no proposal to set up a full-fledged T.V. Centre on Thirumala Hills during the current Plan period (1978-83). However, this suggestion will be borne in mind while formulating plans for T.V. expansion in future.

Dam on River Siang

896. SHRI P. K. THUNGON: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that there is a proposal to construct a dam over Siang river in Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh (Dihang Dam) which is going to submerge thousands of acres of cultivated and forest land including many age-old villages of tribals;

(b) whether the State Government has expressed any views in the matter, if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto; and

(c) whether this proposal has got any connection with the Farakka agreement?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A.B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) to (c). The proposal made by India for the augmentation of the dry season flows of the Ganga in pursuance of the Indo-Bangladesh Agreement on sharing of Ganga Waters at Farakka and on augmenting its flows envisages the construction of a Brahmaputra-Ganga link canal supplemented by storages at the appropriate stage on the Dihang, Subansiri and Barak rivers for augmenting the flows, controlling the floods in the Brahmaputra and Barak rivers and generation of large blocks of hydro-power, and for navigation and other multi-purpose benefits.

The Government of Arunachal Pradesh have expressed concern at the likely inundation of areas and dislocation of people by the project. The project is at present under detailed investigation. As a part of these investigations, the National Council of Applied Economic Research have been entrusted with the study of the socio-economic impact of the project with special reference to the problems of resettlement and rehabilitation and results of the study will be taken into account while finalising the proposals.

Cost of Construction of Building for Headquarters of Western Coal Fields at Nagpur

897. **SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU:** Will the Minister of ENERGY, IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) amount spent so far in Nagpur on land and building etc. for the Head Office of Western Coalfields limited; and

(b) total estimated cost of shifting of Headquarters from Nagpur and setting up new complex?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) The amount so far spent on the Head Office of Western Coalfields Limited, Nagpur is about Rs. 1.18 crores.

(b) Headquarters of Western Coalfields Ltd. continues to be at Nagpur and cost of shifting Headquarters and setting up a new complex has not been assessed.

Dogri Programmes of A.I.R.

898. **DR. KARAN SINGH:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state what steps are being taken to extend the periodicity and duration of Dogri programme of All India Radio from Delhi, Chandigarh, Simla and Jammu Stations?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): Radio Kashmir, Jammu broadcasts programmes in Dogri for a total duration of nearly 76 hours in a month. AIR Delhi and Simla also broadcast occasional music programmes, folk and light, in Dogri in their normal music chunks.

Jammu and Simla Stations are single channel and are required to cater to numerous programme requirements including central relays/National programmes and programmes in local dialects/languages. Delhi is a Metropolitan Station with heavy programme commitments and there is hardly any Dogri speaking population in its service area. Chandigarh is only a commercial centre and does not broadcast programmes in any language or dialect except regional variations of Vividh Bharati programmes. Hence, there are no plans to increase the present output of Dogri programmes from Jammu, Delhi and Simla or start Dogri programmes from Chandigarh.