

Subarnarekha Flood Control

1549. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was an agreement signed by the State Governments of Orissa, West Bengal and Bihar in regard to flood control and of Subarnarekha river followed by the irrigation projects at Chandil and Khadkir in Bihar, if so, whether a copy of such agreement will be laid on the Table ; and

(b) what are the progress so far made in regard to this flood control and irrigation scheme and the proposed year of the completion of this integrated scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) Yes, Sir. A copy of the Agreement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-625/80].

(b) The project envisages the construction of a dam on the Subarnarekha at Chandil, a dam on the Kharkai, tributary of the Subarnarekha and diversion structures on these rivers to provide irrigation to an area of 202,869 ha. in Bihar and 146,788 ha. in Orissa, supply of water for domestic and industrial uses and flood control for the benefit of Orissa and West Bengal. The techno economic examination of the Project has not yet been completed for want of certain clarifications from the Governments of Bihar and Orissa.

Bihar has started the work on the Kharkai Barrage. The expenditure upto end of March, 1979 is Rs. 11.28 crores. Anticipated expenditure for 1979-80 is Rs. 5 crores.

Subject to availability of funds, the Subarnarekha project can be completed in 6-8 years.

Water famine in Dhabbad Coal Belt

1550. SHRI A.K. ROY : Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware of the acute water famine in the Dhanbad coal belt affecting the health and efficiency of the workers.

(b) whether it is a fact that the scheme for supplying filtered water to the colliery workers are all lagging behind, if so, facts in details with area-wise break up in progress and the steps taken thereon ;

(c) whether the BCCL has got any schedule and time table to cover all its workers under its own water supply scheme ;

(d) if so, details thereof ; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI):

(a) Government is aware of scarcity of drinking water in Dhanbad coal belt.

(b) It is not a fact that the schemes for supply of filtered water to the colliery workers are all lagging behind. Details in regard to the various schemes are given below:—

(i) Jharia Water Board is supplying water to the extent of 2.5 MGD.

(ii) BCCL has undertaken 140 schemes for supply of drinking water to the workers of Collieries. In all, 89 schemes of all types, out of 140 schemes have been completed so far. 40 schemes are under execution and 11 schemes are under process of sanction. Out of 89 schemes completed, 55 water plants are running and supplying water. The remaining 34 are of improvement and sanitation nature. Total water supply till now including Jharia Water Board is 10.5 MGD.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The details are given below :

Year	Percentage & satisfaction	No. of addl. schemes to be completed	The extent of water demand to be met
1979-80	68.2%	6	13.86 MGD
1980-81	78.0%	6	16.86 MGD
1981-82	86.7%	6	19.86 MGD
1982-83	94.6%	6	22.86 MGD
1983-84	100%	5	24.14 MGD

(e) Does not arise.