

(e) amount of damage (in terms of Rupee) caused by flood in the area, yearwise since 1975 to 1979?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR PANDAY): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Release of water from Farakka barrage for Hooghly in 1980

299. **SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY.** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) what amount of water did the Hooghly receive from Farakka barrage in the lean months of 1980, month by month;

(b) whether Calcutta and Haldia ports are facing serious problems due to shortage of water; and

(c) if so, what remedial measures Government have to suggest and work upon to save Calcutta and Haldia?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR PANDAY): (a) The withdrawals by India at Farakka for Bhagirathi-Hooghly month by month during the lean months of 1980 are as under:

Month Withdrawals at Farakka (Cuses)

January, 1980	30,278
February, 1980	15,249
March, 1980	14,271
April, 1980	14,390
May, 1980	25,999

(b) and (c). The low flows this year have proved to be of great disadvantage to the Calcutta Port. The Indian proposal for augmentation of Ganga flows in the dry season has been placed for the consideration of the Indo-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission along with the Bangladesh proposal. The Government of India are pursuing all possibilities to ensure the full requirements of Calcutta Port.

Construction of Hindustan Fertiliser Corporation of India at Haldia

300. **SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have completed the construction of Hindustan Fertiliser Corporation of India's factory at Haldia;

(b) what were the various target dates for its completion and start of production therein;

(c) what had been first estimate for its construction and whether the same has been changed again and again; and

(d) if so, how many times the said estimates has been changed and reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Although the project is mechanically complete, the commissioning activities are held up on account of non-availability of power.

(b) The Techno Economic/Feasibility Report for the project placed the target date of September 1976 for commercial production. The project authorities had to revise these targets in the course of actual implementation of the project thrice as given below:—

	1st revision	2nd revision	3rd revision
Commercial production date	1-11-79	1-4-80	1-4-81