

Work done to check Flood recurrence

3760. SHRI SUSHIL BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state the details of work done by the Government to check flood recurrence during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION

(SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): Flood Control being a State subject, the responsibility for planning, investigation and implementation of the flood control, drainage and anti-erosion schemes rests entirely with the State Governments. The expenditure incurred on flood control works and the area benefited during the last three years is as follows:—

	Area benefited	
	Rs. crores	lakh ha.
1977-78	112.80	6.97
1978-79	171.98	6.00
1979-80	156.49 (anticipated)	5.22

As per information supplied by States, the physical achievements for the major components of the flood control programme during the last three years are as under:—

	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80
1. Length of embankment constructed in Km.	464	545	458
2. Length of drainage channels in Kms.	1346	1484	586
3. No. of towns protected	8	19	17

Buffer stock of Wheat

3761. SHRI R. L. BHATIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the buffer stock of wheat with Government at present;

(b) the quantity of wheat allocated to Punjab and actually supplied to that State and what was its demand?

(c) whether in view of the failure of winter rains, the prospects of Rabi crop do not seem to be very bright; and

(d) if so, the steps which Government propose to take to strengthen and augment their buffer stock of wheat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) The stock of wheat with all public agencies as on 1-11-1980 was of the order of 6.39 million tonnes.

(b) During the current year January to December, 1980, against a quantity of 874 thousand tonnes of

wheat demanded by the Government of Punjab, a quantity of 529 thousand tonnes of wheat was allotted from the Central Pool. The quantity of wheat lifted by the State Government upto October 31st, 1980 was of the order of 292 thousand tonnes.

(c) It is too early to make any projection of likely Rabi wheat crop in 1980-81.

(d) In order to conserve wheat stocks, allotment of wheat from Central Pool to States has been rationalised. As a result of this policy, the wheat allotment have been reduced keeping in view the pattern of offtake and more rice in lieu of wheat is being allotted.

Estimated cost of Upper Indrabati Project and Expenditure so far

3762. SHRI RASABEHARI BEHRA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state the total hectares of land to be irrigated, and the capacity of M.W. to be generated by Upper Indrabati Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): The Upper Indravati Multi-purpose Project envisages annual irrigation of 1.85 lakh hectares and generation of 227 M.W. of power at 100 per cent load factor.

Medium Irrigation Projects of Koraput included in 6th Five Year Plan

3763. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOM-ANGO: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Medium Irrigation Projects from Koraput District of Orissa which have been included in Sixth Five Year Plan for execution;

(b) whether these projects have been completely surveyed and the projects report prepared by that

State and sent to his Ministry for clearance;

(c) if so, whether these projects have been cleared by his Ministry; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (d). Three Medium Irrigation Projects, namely Badanala, Lilibadi-Kanijodi and Hatimunda of Koraput district of Orissa have been included in the draft Sixth Five Year Plan (1980-85) of the Orissa State.

Of these schemes, only report on Badanala Project has been received, considered by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Planning Commission and found acceptable. Approval of the Planning Commission is to be accorded.

The project reports of the other two schemes have not yet been received in the Central Water Commission.

Acquisition of Land by DDA in South Delhi

3764. SHRI BHEEKHABHAI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA has recently acquired large areas of land in South Delhi;

(b) if so, how Government propose to utilise this land;

(c) whether Government will offer plots of land thus acquired to the persons falling in low and middle income groups on reserved rates; and

(d) if not, reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISEMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) No, Sir. Delhi