

(c) According to the State Government it is not possible to bring the areas of Belaganj and Chandauti blocks under the command of this project.

Bhimkund Multipurpose Irrigation Project of Orissa

1000-M. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bhimkund Multipurpose Irrigation Project of Orissa has already been examined by the Central Water Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Centre will bear the total expenditure to be incurred for the execution of the Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The Bhimkund Multipurpose Project Stage-I prepared by the Orissa State Government was earlier examined by the Central Water Commission in 1974. The updated report taking into account the comments of the Central Water Commission was sent by the State Government in June, 1980. Some further clarifications were sought for from the State Government in August-September, 1980. Replies to these have been received on 12-11-80 and are being examined in the Central Water Commission.

(b) Stage-I of the Project is now estimated to cost Rs. 394.89 crores. envisaging only flood control and power benefits. The installed capacity proposed is 48 MW at the dam powerhouse and 690 MW at Baigundi. The project is also intended to benefit an area of 1400 sq. Kilo Metres from flood damage.

(c) Irrigation and Floor Control being a State subject, expenditure on the project has normally to be incurred by the State. The question whether power component of the project will be financed by the Centre will be

examined at an appropriate stage after the Techno-economic approval is accorded to the Project.

Flood in Mahanadi overflow Embankments

1000-N. SHRI RASABEHARI BEHERA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) are Government aware that this year the devastating in Mahanadi had overflowed almost all the embankments constructed in delta region;

(b) is it fact that the existing embankments require reconstruction and raising to control the flood; and

(c) have the Union Government discussed this problem with the State Government, and, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The problem has been discussed with the State Government. The State is considering the recommendations of a team of Experts for strengthening the embankment system. The State Government is also formulating storage reservoirs projects on river Ib and river Tel, the two tributaries of Mahanadi for reducing the intensity of floods in Mahanadi delta region. It has been suggested that soil conservation works and storage works may be undertaken by the State Government in the Vamsadhara Basin and a master plan for river development drawn up.

Conservation of Water for Irrigation

1000-O. SHRI A. A. RAHIM: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) is there any new scheme to conserve rain water in the west coast for irrigation purposes by preventing it to go waste in the Arabian Sea;

(b) when is the Kallada Irrigation Project expected to be completed; and