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**Funds for Construction of Baitarani Barrage in Orissa**

1000—X. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds have been allocated by the Central Government to undertake the construction work of Baitarani Barrage at Anandpur in Orissa;

(b) if so, what amount has been allocated under this head; and

(c) when construction work is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b). Irrigation is a State subject and funds for execution of irrigation projects are provided by State Government within the frame-work of their overall developmental plans. Central assistance is given in the form of block loans and grants, which is not related of any individual sector of development or project.

As per Draft Sixth Five Year Plan (1980—85) of Orissa, the Anandpur Barrage Project on the Baitarni river is estimated to cost Rs. 965 lakhs against which Rs. 515 lakhs have been spent upto the end of 1979-80. An outlay of Rs. 85 lakhs has been provided by the State Government for the year 1980-81 and the provision proposed for the year 1981-82 is Rs. 170 lakhs. The total outlay proposed by the State during the Sixth Five Year Plan is Rs. 450 lakhs.

(c) The Project is likely to be completed within the Sixth Five Year Plan.

**Setting up of Hiraqund Reservoir**

1000-Y. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hiraqund reservoir has been fast silting up;

(b) if so, how long the dam is expected to last; and

(c) any step taken by Government to protect the dam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) As per the studies carried out so far, the Hiraqund Reservoir has been silting up at a rate faster than what was assumed at the Project formulation stage.

(b) It is not possible to indicate the exact life of the reservoir at present.

(c) A Centrally sponsored Scheme of soil conservation was launched in the catchment of Hiraqund Reservoir both in Madhya Pradesh and Orissa during the Third Five Year Plan. Till 1980-81 about 235 lakh ha of catchment area has been treated with soil and water conservation measures incurring an expenditure of Rs. 13.23 crores. This programme is being continued further.

**Estimated cost of Bhimkund Multipurpose Project**

1000-Z. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated cost of the Bhimkund Multipurpose Project;

(b) the number of villages of Keonjher district and other districts of Orissa which can be brought under irrigation after the completion of the project; and

(c) how many acres of land in different districts of Orissa can be brought under irrigation?