

Report of Study group on flood Controls

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Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the study group appointed by Government to suggest measures to control floods has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, the main features of the recommendations and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The working Group constituted by the Planning Commission with a view to expediting formulation of the Sixth Five Year Plan 1980—85, submitted its report in September, 1980.

(b) The main features of the recommendations of the Working Group are as follows:—

(i) Expenditious completion of the lingering schemes and providing adequate provisions for completion of these schemes during the Sixth Plan.

(ii) Stabilisation of the existing works to derive the anticipated benefits with a little extra capital investment.

(iii) Expeditious preparation of outline Master Plan for flood control by each flood prone State indicating areas prone to floods which

can be provided reasonable protection, priorities and rough indication of outlays.

(iv) Taking up necessary surveys under the Central Sector for flood plain zoning for proper flood plain regulation and management.

(v) Adequate provision by States for proper maintenance of embankments.

(vi) Due consideration of all side effects before taking up construction of embankments.

(vii) Execution of channel improvement works and anti-erosion works with due caution in view of their higher initial and maintenance cost.

(viii) Effective soil conservation measures for watershed of rivers with heavy silt charge.

(ix) Strengthening and modernising the flood forecasting system on inter-State and other important rivers.

(x) An immediate realistic and scientific evaluation of the flood control works so far carried out to enable proper planning of future works.

(xi) Effective monitoring of flood control works by the Centre and the State Governments.

The recommendations of the Working Group were discussed with the State Governments and taken into account while finalising the Sixth Five Year Plan.

Arrears of Salary of Teachers

3749. SHRI CHHITTUBHAI GAMIT: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of bills pertaining to the arrears of salary of T.G.T. (General and Domestic Science Teachers) are pending in the Delhi Administration;