

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Bombay, Kerala and the Union Territory of Delhi.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board

Bombay State Electricity Board

West Bengal .

Delhi . .

(c) The number of villages electrified by the various Electricity Boards since their formation, except Kerala Board which has been set up on 1-4-57, is given below:—

267 (upto the end of 1956-57).

. 99 + 17 electrified by Saurashtra Electricity Board, which has since merged with the Bombay Board.

. The number is being ascertained.

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(c) the details of flood-protection schemes on Beas?

Price of Wheat in Punjab

304. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the price of wheat as on the 1st March, 1957, as compared to the price prevailing on the 1st March, 1955 and 1956 (or any comparable dates) in the Punjab; and

(b) the stock of wheat in hand with the Central Government?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 42]

(b) The stock of wheat with the Central Government on 11th May, 1957 was 115,000 tons.

Flood Protection Schemes on Beas

305. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned for flood protection work on Beas (District Gurdaspur) from 1954-55 to 1956-57;

(b) the amount actually spent for the purpose; and

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) and (b). The only flood protection Scheme on the Beas in District Gurdaspur is the construction of an embankment below the Mirthal railway bridge. Field investigations in respect of this Scheme have been completed and the project estimate is being prepared by the State authorities.

(c) The flood protection schemes on the Beas, in progress or under investigation, are as follows:—

(i) "Protection of Indaura Town from floods in Kangra District". This scheme was started in 1956-57 and is nearing completion.

(ii) "Construction of flood embankment starting from Mirthal in Gurdaspur District." The field investigations have been completed and project estimate is under preparation; and

(iii) "Construction of flood embankment starting from Tahli in Kapurthala District." The scheme is in an investigation stage.