

Demands of Tribals Living in Singhbhum Forest

2481. SHRI N. E. HORO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's thickest forest in Singhbhum is popularly known as the Tribals area;

(b) whether any demand has been made by the Tribals to provide some means for livelihood in that area;

(c) whether some disputes have been brought to Government's notice; and

(d) if so, what are their demands and the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) to (d). The information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Western Kosi Canal

2482. SHRI BHOGEN'DRA JHA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to refer to the reply given on 23rd November, 1981 to USQ No. 211

regarding Western Kosi canal and state:

(a) whether relinquishment of the Western Kosi between R.D. 131 and 249.70 has since, been finalised by shifting the cross drainage structure site over river Kamia further north to bring in more land under irrigation by doing away with the unnatural curve;

(b) if so, details thereabout and if not, reasons therefor;

(c) whether designs of the structures for self ejector as the source of this canal and over river Balan have not yet been finalised; if so, their impact on completion time schedule; and

(d) what are the details about the reconstituted Kosi Control Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The alignment of the Western Kosi Canal between RD 139 and 249.70 is under examination in the Central Design Organisation of Bihar.

(c) No, Sir. The impact of non-finalisation of the design of the silt ejector on completion schedule cannot be ascertained in the present position.

(d) The Kosi Control Board has been reconstituted in August 1981 as under:

Chairman : Chief Minister, Bihar.

- Members :
- (i) Minister Irrigation, Bihar/Minister of State Irrigation, Bihar.
 - (ii) Development Commissioner, Bihar.
 - (iii) Finance Commissioner, Bihar.
 - (iv) Chairman, Central Water Commission or his Representative.
 - (v) Financial Adviser-cum-Joint Secretary, Ministry of Irrigation or his representative.
 - (vi) Engineer-in-Chief-cum-Additional Commissioner cum-Spl. Secretary Irrigation Department Bihar.

Member Secretary : (vii) Irrigation Commissioner Bihar.

Special Invitees (viii) Chief Engineer, Irrigation, Patna, Chief Engineer (I) Darbhanga, Chief Engineer (Planning & Monitoring) Irrigation Department, Bihar Patna.