

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard ?

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

(b) The flood control works in Brahmaputra Valley are being executed by the Assam Government. The State Government have intimated that proposals for anti-erosion works to protect Naharkatia town are proposed to be placed before the next meeting of the State Flood Control Technical Advisory Committee for their consideration.

Water-Shed Management Scheme for Arawali Ranges

2273. SHRI GHULAM MOHAMMED KHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a comprehensive water shed management scheme for the Arawali ranges is under consideration of Government ;

(b) what are the salient features of the scheme ; and

(c) the estimated expenditure thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b). Watershed management programme for carrying out soil conservation works are being implemented on the basis of catchments. These catchments include areas of different terrains. The Arawali range and associated foothills and plains are being drained mainly through the catchments of the rivers of Sahibi, Dandiwada and Mahi laying in the States of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Haryana and Union Territory of Delhi. In these catchments two Centrally Sponsored

Schemes viz: (1) Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Projects, and (2) Integrated Watershed Management in the Catchments of Flood-prone Rivers, are being implemented. The programme is formulated on the basis of identified watersheds and treated with integrated management plans. The major component of works relate to afforestation, terracing of agricultural lands, construction of engineering structures for reducing siltation, harvesting rain water and promoting better production plans.

(c) The area treated and the expenditure incurred till 1981-82 in respect of these catchments are given below:—

S. No.	Catchment	Progress upto 1981-82	
		Area treated (Ha.)	Expenditure (Rs. lacs)
1.	Sahibi	2,340	55.34
2.	Dandiwada	56,870	340.65
3.	Mahi	37,690	325.58
Total:		96,900	721.57

Irrigation Projects behind Schedule in Madhya Pradesh

2274. SHRI SUBHASHI YADAV: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of irrigation projects which are under construction are behind schedule in the State of Madhya Pradesh ;

(b) what is the potential to be created on completion for each project in that State ; and

(c) estimated expenditure involved in each project ?