

the movement capacity had to be utilised for essential commodities like foodgrains, salt, pulses, kerosene oil, coal, relief materials etc. to these States for the local population and the refugees.

In spite of the difficulties mentioned above, all possible efforts are being made to maximise movement of traffic referred to after accommodating other essential traffic.

Progress made in the implementation of Navtha Irrigation Project on Tapti River

6722. SHRI G. C. DIXIT : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra are implementing or propose to implement Navtha irrigation Project on Tapti River near Andha-khari and Navtha villages in Burhanpur Tehsil, Madhya Pradesh ;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard and the time by which this project is likely to be completed ;

(c) Whether it is a fact that the height of the small bridge constructed over Tapti River near Jainabad in Burhanpur would also be raised by six feet under this scheme ; and

(d) if so, by what time ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) and (b). Proposals for Upper Tapti Project, Stage II, envisaging the construction of a storage at Navatha and another storage upstream of Navatha at Khairagutighat on the River Tapti are under investigation by the Government of Maharashtra, in consultation with the Government of Madhya Pradesh. These proposals do not envisage any storage at Andha Khari.

(c) and (d). The Upper Tapti project, Stage I, in Maharashtra, construction work on which has been taken in hand, involves some submergence, mostly within the banks and also of two causeways, one of which is at Jainabad in Madhya Pradesh territory. The Government of Maharashtra have agreed to bearing the cost of raising/reconstruction of

these works in order to keep the communications across the river as before. Necessary details of raising/reconstruction of the causeway are being worked out by the Government of Madhya Pradesh, and these works are expected to be completed by them well before the completion of the Project in the Fifth Plan.

Staff in Assam Saw Mill and Timber Company Limited at Namsai (NEFA)

6723. SHRI C. C. GOHAIN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of local tribals as well as non tribals employed in the Assam Saw Mill and Timber Company Ltd., Namsai in Lohit District in NEFA Area, separately ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Supply of Potassium Chlorate for WIMCO Match Factory in Calcutta

6724. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether WIMCO a match factory in Northern suburb of Calcutta, has received double the quantity of potassium chlorate during the last two years as compared to its usual requirements ; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) No Sir. No allocation of Potassium Chlorate has been made by the Government to any factory.

(b) Does not arise.

Grant of Concessions to Industries in Backward Areas

6726. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 975 on the 7th July, 1971 regarding schemes for the development of backward States and state :