

**Irrigation Projects in West Bengal**

6744. SHRI S. P. BHATTACHARYYA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the big and small irrigation projects which are going to be implemented in West Bengal with a view to turning one crop areas into two or three crop areas ; and

(b) the acreage of cultivable lands going to be benefited in different districts by these projects ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) and (b). The Government of West Bengal have reported that the following works are in progress :

1. Kangsabati Project.
2. Extension and improvement works in Mayurakshi and Damodar Valley Corporation.
3. Medium irrigation schemes like Sahrajore, Kumari, Bandhu Sali and Hinglow.
4. 35 minor irrigation schemes.

The Kangsabati, Damodar Valley Corporation and Mayurakshi are meant for Kharif, Rabi and some Boro irrigation. Others are primarily meant for Kharif irrigation.

The irrigation from the above projects, district-wise, on their completion in all respects, would be :

Midnapore	581839	acres
Bankura	515577	acres
Hooghly	315000	acres
Burdwan	626000	acres
Howrah	12000	acres
Murshidabad	138000	acres
Birbhum	454600	acres

Purulia	37560	acres
Malda	320	acres
West Dinajpore	3000	acres
Darjeeling	6500	acres
Jalpaiguri	33880	acres
Cooch Bihar	330	acres

**Addition of Compartment to Ahmedabad Mail from Delhi to Jamnagar on Western Railway**

6745. SHRI JADEJA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether only one compartment including 1st, Class, IInd Class and IIIRD Class is being attached to the Ahmedabad Mail from Delhi to Jamnagar on Western Railway ;

(b) whether Government propose to attach a two tier or three tier sleeper to that train for the convenience of passengers, particularly defence personnel stationed at Jamnagar ; and

(c) if so, the time by which this demand will be fulfilled ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Yes, only one composite I and III Class coach is provided between Delhi and Jamnagar by Ahmedabad Mail and connected trains.

(b) No, there is no room on Ahmedabad Mail or the Kirti Express for attaching an extra coach.

(c) Does not arise.

**U A.R. Delegation's visit to India to study Industrial Development**

6746. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA :  
SHRI P. GANGADEB : -

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether U A.R. delegation led by Mr. H A. Fattah visited India to study the industrial development in the country ;

(b) if so, the names of the industrial units visited by the delegation ; and

(c) whether any agreement has been reached and if so, the main features thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) :  
 (a) There was no official visit by a delegation from U.A.R. led by Mr. H.A. Fattah, to study the industrial development of the country. However, a team from U.A.R. led by Mr. Fattah visited India, at the invitation of a private consultancy firm, M/s Development Consultants Private Limited, Calcutta.

(b) The consultancy firm has reported that the team visited the following industrial units in India :—

Heavy Engineering Corporation ; Ranchi.  
 Mining and Allied Engineering, Durgapur. A.V.B. Durgapur.  
 McNally Bird, Kumardubi.  
 Braithwaite and Company, Calcutta.  
 Walchandnagar Industries, Walchandnagar.

(c) The consultancy firm has reported that an agreement was signed between the U.A.R. team and M/s Development Consultants Private Limited for technical advisory services for setting up capital equipment industry in U.A.R.

#### Pakistan Nationals Working on Indian Railways

6747. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of Pakistani nationals are working on the Indian Railways since October, 1968 ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) and (b). In October 1968, there were six Pakistani Nationals on Railways serving for a number of years. Since then there has been no increase in this number. One of them has, in fact, acquired Indian Citizenship.

#### Development of Industries in backward districts in West Bengal

6748. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose that in order to remove backwardness in some districts of West Bengal for which certain special assistance has already been declared by the Government of India ; the issuance of any further industrial licence can only be considered for those backward districts and not for any other area ;

(b) whether Government propose to ask the applicants for industries to start industries in backward districts ; and

(c) if not how industrialists would open any industries whatsoever in those backward Districts ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) to (c). It is an accepted policy of the Government to accord preferential and priority treatment to applications for setting up new units or expansion of existing units in the industrially backward areas, subject to economic viability and technical feasibility of the proposals. This, however, does not mean that applications for areas other than the backward districts would not be considered. In so far as the State of West Bengal is concerned, the districts of Purulia, Bankura, Midnapur, Darjeeling, Malda, Cooch Bihar, West Dinajpur and Murshidabad have been selected for the purpose of grant of concessional finance from the financial institutions. Also the Purulia district has been selected to qualify for 10% outright grant or subsidy on the fixed capital investment of the industries to be started there. Government expects that the above concessions would attract industries in the backward districts of the State.

#### Introduction of Air-conditioned train between Sealdah and New Bongaigaon on North East Frontier Railway

6749. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of the opening of Farakka Bridge for Railways soon, his