

**Damage caused to South Gujarat by
Floods of Narmada and Tapi**

7474. SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL :
Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND
POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether river Narmada which passes through Baroda and Broach districts in Gujarat and river Tapi which passes through Surat in Gujarat cause great damage to the areas in the South of Gujarat, when they are flooded ;

(b) If so, whether during the past two years, due to floods in South Gujarat agricultural land, industries and animals were affected ; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to save the areas from such floods ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND
POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) :

(a) Areas along the Narmada and Broach districts and along the Tapi in Surat district of Gujarat are affected whenever these rivers are in floods, the extent of damage depending upon the magnitude of the floods. Low areas in Hoshangabad town are affected by backflow into Lendia Nallah when the Narmada is in high floods.

(b) The damage due to floods in Tapi and Narmada in Gujarat in 1969 was not considerable. There was, however, considerable damage during 1970.

(c) The Gujarat Government have prepared a scheme for providing embankments on both sides of Tapi in the lower reaches for the protection of marginal area at a cost of Rs. 5.21 crores. This has been approved by the Planning Commission and work is to be taken up this year.

The following schemes have been prepared by the State Government of Gujarat for protection against floods in the Narmada basin :

- (i) Resectioning and regrading Ambala Khadi : Rs. 8.50 lakhs

- (ii) Flood protection work for village Bhalod on the Narmada : Rs. 32.00 lakhs

- (iii) Flood protection work for village Tawar in Broach district : Rs. 20.00 lakhs

- (iv) Improving and strengthening of Hansote Matiad bund of Broach district : Rs. 26.06 lakhs

The State Government have also a programme of shifting 334 villages on the banks to higher ground of which 98 villages have been shifted so far.

For protection to Hoshangabad town, the following schemes have already been implemented by the Madhya Pradesh Government :

- (i) Construction of an embankment in a length of 330 meters across the low ridge near Home Science College for preventing spilling ;
- (ii) Scheme for preventing the backflow of Narmada into the Lendia Nallah.

The State Government have also proposed to undertake the following schemes :

- (i) Raising and strengthening of the low embankments in the upstream reaches ;
- (ii) Raising the ghats.

These schemes are yet to be formulated.

**Construction of Waiting Shed for Ladies
at Tirur Station, Kerala**

7475. SHRI M. K. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to construct a Waiting Shed for ladies at Tirur Railway station, Kerala ; and