

establishment of an industrial Estate at Takyal in Manipur ;

(b) whether the processing of the proposal has been delayed ; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) to (c). Four each of 'A' and 'B' type sheds are nearing completion. Construction work for 10 'C' type sheds is being started and is expected to be completed during 1971-72. Another set of four each of 'A' and 'B' type sheds are proposed to be taken up for construction during 1971-72. Construction work is being started for the installation of an 11 KVA line sub-station, a common facilities centre and a water supply sub-station for the Industrial Estate.

Flood Protection Work by West Bengal Government

2761. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the scheme regarding Flood Protection Work for Malerjhar, Bhuladanga and Rajarhat in Cooch-Bihar which was proposed to be sent to Union Government by West Bengal Government has since been received ;

(b) if so, whether it has been considered by the technical Committee ; and

(c) If so, the cost involved and the date by which it is likely to be commissioned ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) to (c). The Government of West Bengal had proposed to prepare a scheme after carrying out model experiments. The State Government, after taking into account the performance of the works of bank protection already executed, and the present river conditions, now consider that further protective measures in the area are not necessary.

Completion of Farakka Barrage Scheme

2762. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY :
DR. RANEN SEN ;
SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS
MUNSI :

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the total cost of the Farakka Barrage Scheme ;

(b) when the bridge over Ganga will be opened for vehicular traffic ; and

(c) the reasons for the delay in the completion of the scheme ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) The total estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 156 crores.

(b) Bridge over the Farakka Barrage Project was expected to be opened for vehicular traffic by the end of this year.

(c) Originally the Farakka Barrage Project was expected to be completed by June, 1971 ; but the labour unrest in the Contractors' Organisations, and demonstrations, strikes, go-slow tactics, etc., by the staff and workers of the Project which started in the beginning of 1969-70 working season, have caused a set-back in the progress of works and have affected the target date of completion of the Project. Added to this, the failure of one of the Contractors working on the Canal, also contributed to the short-fall in progress.

Broad gauge line from New Cooch-Bihar to New Gitaldah (North East Frontier Railway)

2763. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the survey for extension of broad gauge line from New Cooch-Bihar to New Gitaldah in North-east Frontier Railway replacing the existing metre gauge line has since been undertaken ;

(b) whether due to lack of broad gauge line