

Survey Report on Subarnarekha Dam Project

1390. SHRI SHYAM SUNDER MOHA-PATRA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Orissa Government have submitted the survey report on the Subarnarekha Dam Project ; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) and (b). A scheme for constructing a storage dam on Kharkai river, a tributary of the Subarnarekha, for irrigation purpose has been prepared by the Government of Orissa. This was received for scrutiny at the Centre in March 1972. After examination comments have been sent to the State Government in May 1972. Replies to the comments are awaited from the State Government.

Assessment of water resources

1391. SHRI S. P. BHATTACHARYYA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme with Government to assess the total amount of water resources and to find out the ways in which agricultural land in various categories can be irrigated ; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) and (b). In order to assess water resources, the State Governments and Central agencies are observing rainfall, river gauge and river gauge-discharge data at about 3963, 820 and 1173 sites respectively. The network is being continuously improved to the extent resources permit.

The State Governments have already investigated a number of potential sites for major and medium irrigation projects and these will be taken up for implementation by the State Governments as and when resources become available. The State Governments have

also a number of further projects under investigation.

Increase in Exports and Imports

1392. SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state the rate of increase in exports and imports since the beginning of the First Five-Year Plan computed year-wise ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Statement showing rates of yearly increase/decrease since the First Five Year Plan.

(In percentage)

Year	Imports	Exports
<i>First Plan</i>		
1951-52	+ 49.2	+ 22.0
1952-53	- 27.7	- 21.2
1953-54	- 13.0	- 8.1
1954-55	+ 7.6	+ 11.7
1955-56	+ 3.4	+ 0.6
<i>Second Plan</i>		
1956-57	+ 23.8	+ 1.4
1957-58	+ 23.1	- 7.2
1958-59	- 12.4	+ 3.5
1959-60	+ 6.0	+ 10.1
1960-61	+ 18.6	+ 3.2
<i>Third Plan</i>		
1961-62	- 2.8	+ 2.9
1962-63	+ 2.6	+ 5.0
1963-64	+ 7.7	+ 11.2
1964-65	+ 10.3	+ 2.9
1965-66	+ 4.4	- 1.3
<i>Non-Plan period</i>		
1966-67	- 6.4*	- 8.9*
1967-68	- 3.4	+ 3.6
1968-69	- 4.9	+ 13.3
<i>Fourth Plan</i>		
1969-70	- 17.1	+ 4.1
1970-71	+ 3.3	+ 8.6
1971-72	+ 13.4	+ 2.1

* This has been computed in terms of foreign exchange as Indian Rupee was devalued on 6. 6. 1966.