

Plan, with a ceiling of Rs. 11 crores to the State Government of West Bengal for the speedy implementation of the following priority flood control schemes:

Name of the scheme	Estimated Cost	Area to be benefitted on completion
	(Rs. crores)	(Lakhs)
1. Mahananda Embankment Scheme	4.20	0.6
2. Improvement to Lower Damodar Basin	40.00	2.2
3. Dubda Basin Drainage Scheme	3.50	0.14
4. East Mograhat Drainage Scheme	2.96	0.21
West Morghata Drainage	1.50	0.23
5. Karaja Diversion Scheme	1.50	0.02
TOTAL	53.66	3.40

During the year 1972-73, a sum of Rs. 3 crores was released to the State Government for the above schemes. The schemes are in progress and benefits are yet to accrue from these schemes.

(b) According to the existing procedure, flood control schemes costing less than Rs. 25 lakhs are approved by the State Government themselves on the recommendation of the State Technical Advisory Committee and the State Flood Control Board. Schemes costing between Rs. 25 lakhs and Rs. 1 crore are approved by the Planning Commission after examination by Central Water and Power Commission on proforma basis. Schemes costing more than Rs. 1 crore are examined in detail in the Central Water and Power Commission and considered by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Planning Commission before they are approved by the Planning Commission

for implementation. A statement giving the details of the flood control schemes costing more than Rs. 25 lakhs each received from the Government of West Bengal during the last three years for approval by the Centre is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4866/73].

Drainage channel project of "Basira Bil" on Murshidabad-Birbhani border area

8011. SHRI GADADHAR SAHA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drainage channel project of "Basira Bil" on Murshidabad Birbhani border area has been included in the approved flood control project;

(b) if so, the progress made on the project so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA):

(a) to (c). The "Basira Bil" drainage project has not been included in the approved list of schemes in the flood control sector of the Fourth Plan of West Bengal. According to the procedure laid down, drainage schemes have to be examined by the Technical Advisory Committee of the State Flood Control Board and approved by competent authority for inclusion in the Plan. The "Basira Bil" scheme has not so far been put up for the consideration of the Technical Advisory Committee of West Bengal State Flood Control Board.

Technically Qualified Officers working in Personnel Branches on Northern Railway

8012. SHRI LALJI BHAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain technically qualified officers are working in the Personnel Branches over Northern Railway for the last so many years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;