

Report of Mansingh Committee on Teesta Flood

810. SHRI DEBENDRA NATH MAHATA:

SHRI LUTFUL HAQUE:

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

(a) the action taken in regard to the report of Mansingh Committee on Teesta flood up-to-date;

(b) whether no action has been taken about the report;

(c) if so, the reason thereof; and

(d) the total amount spent on the formation of the Committee and preparing the report?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR NATH SINGH): (a) to (d). The Mansingh Committee (the West Bengal Flood Enquiry Committee, 1959) set up by the West Bengal Government in its report did not deal with the problem of floods of Teesta nor was Teesta included in its terms of reference.

Misappropriation by Cashier in F.C.I.

811 SHRI RAMACHANDRAN KADANNAPPALLI. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that one of the Cashiers in Food Corporation of India is held for some malpractices in the accounts;

(b) if so, whether any enquiries have been made; and

(c) if so, the results of the enquiries made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNA-SAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. A criminal case has been registered by the Bangalore police against the Cashier. Further investigation by police is in progress.

F.A.O.'s Estimate of Food Import of India

812. SHRI DINESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the F.A.O. have made an estimate of the food import requirements of India;

(b) if so, their assessment;

(c) how does it compare with Government's own assessment; and

(d) how does the Government propose to meet it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNA-SAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) and (b) According to the Draft Report of the 18th Session of FAOs Inter-governmental Group on Grains, India's import requirements have been estimated at 3.0 to 5.0 million tonnes of wheat and 0.8 to 1.0 million tonnes of coarse grains.

(c) and (d). Government of India keeps under constant review the position regarding the need for foodgrain imports and purchases, to the extent considered necessary, are made from abroad.

Reported Erosion at Dibrugarh (Assam)

813. SHRI NORUL HUDA Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the re-