

plainants were unable to identify any of the miscreants. There is no proposal to shift the College from their present premises. Steps have been taken by the Police authorities to check recurrence of such incidents.

**Sugar Factory in Kagal Taluka, Maharashtra**

5253. SHRI NIMBALKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government have recommended to the Centre setting up of a sugar factory in Kagal taluka called the Shahu Chhatrapati Sakhar Karkhana; and

(b) whether the Government propose to sanction this project and include it in the Fifth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

**Dam on Varna River**

5254. SHRI NIMBALKAR Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided the site where dam on the Varna River is to be constructed;

(b) if so, the advantages of this site as compared to others; and

(c) when the construction will begin and when it will be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR NATH SINGH): (a) The Government of Maharashtra have reported that they

have decided to construct Varna Dam at Chandoli site.

(b) The advantages intimated by the State Government of selecting Chandoli site in preference to Khujgaon for the same irrigation area of 80570 hectares are the following—

(i) villages affected at Chandoli site are 15 as against 39 at Khujgaon.

(ii) submergence at Chandoli is 3070 hec. compared to 8866 hectares at Khujgaon.

(c) The preliminary construction works on the project have already been taken up by the State Government and the project is expected to be completed in about 10 years depending on availability of funds.

**Rural indebtedness in various States**

5255. SHRI RAM PRAKASH. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey regarding the actual position of rural indebtedness in various States; and

(b) if so, the findings thereof and the steps taken so far to save the rural population from indebtedness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) Government have not conducted any survey regarding Rural Indebtedness in various States. However, a Rural Debt and investment Survey was conducted by the Reserve Bank of India in the year 1961-62 and the Report of the Survey indicates the total accumulated indebtedness of the Rural House-holds from all sources as on 30th June, 1962. The state-wise information in this regard is given in attached Statement. A third decennial Survey on Debt and Investment has