

**Farakka Barrage Scheme**

286. Dr. Ranon Sen:  
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Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the progress report of Farakka Barrage scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to speed up the construction; and

(d) whether the scheme will be completed by the target date?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a) Progress Reports on the Farakka Barrage Project are received every month.

(b) The works in the river portion have been taken up from both the banks. Briefly the position is as under:

**(i) Left Bank Works**

Concreting of upstream and Down-Stream Return Walls, R.C.C. Flank-Walls and upstream Floor Block of the Left Abutment have been completed. All concrete works, so far as the Left Abutment is concerned, are completed. Earthwork for spillway upto 32 days (from Left Bank) are completed except minor excavation, dressing etc.

**(ii) Right Works**

Work on the right bank is in progress. In the upstream Flankwall concreting is progressing at various levels. Stone pitching and C.C. Block protections on the Downstream are in progress.

**(iii) Bridge over Farakka Barrage**

The preliminaries have been completed and construc-

tion of the Bridge has commenced.

**(iv) Federal Canal**

The excavation work is in progress. Every month excavation is being done at the rate of about 200 to 250 lakh Cft. Up to end of April, 1967, a total of 3500 lakh Cft. of excavation has been done.

(c) and (d). Work on the Farakka Barrage and the Feeder Canal has made satisfactory progress. It is expected that the Project will be completed substantially by 1970-71. The Progress is constantly under review and measures to remove bottlenecks and difficulties, as and when confronted, are taken at the highest level.

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Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that different State Governments have asked the