

(c) and (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House, in due course.

Upper Bhavani Scheme

363. Shri K. Bhatani:
Shri Umansh:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to include the Upper Bhavani Scheme in the Fourth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, when it would be finalised and when the work would start; and

(c) the estimated cost of the scheme and how much land will come under irrigation?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a) The Upper Bhavani Scheme has been included in their Draft Fourth Five Year Plan by the Govt. of Madras.

(b) The scheme is under investigation and it is too early to say when it would be finalised.

(c) Does not arise.

Flood Control in the Country

364. Shri Swell:
Shri Kikar Singh:
Dr. Karni Singh:
Shri K. K. Birla:
Shri Kotal Birua:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government in collaboration with State Governments have taken any steps to prevent floods during the coming rainy season; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Central Government in this regard?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a) and (b). Floods are a natural phenomenon and cannot be prevented. However, damages caused by them can be reduced

by constituting flood control measures wherever these are technically and economically feasible.

Flood control schemes are being formulated, constructed, maintained and operated by State Governments. Whenever requested, the Central Government extend technical assistance for the purpose. Financial assistance by way of long-term loans is also given to State Governments.

The flood control measures executed by State Governments during the Three Plans are expected to benefit about 130 lakh acres during the coming monsoons.

U. S. Aid

365. Shri Swell:
Shri K. K. Birla:
Shri Kikar Singh:
Shri P. M. Sayeed:
Dr. Karni Singh:
Shri Kotal Birua:
Shri Ram Kishan Gupta:
Shri C. Janardhanan:
Shri P. C. Adichan:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri Hukam Chand Kachwal:
Shri Jagannath Rao Joshi:
Shri Ram Singh Ayarwal:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount given by the United States under the current aid programme for India's food production and economic development;

(b) the conditions on which this amount has been or is proposed to be given; and

(c) how this amount will be utilised by Government?

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Deesai): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-304/67].