

D.V.C. and Kosi Barrage

- *384. { Shri Indrajit Gupta:
 Shri Yamuna Prasad Mandal:
 Shri Badrudduja:
 Shri N. P. Yadav:
 Shri H. P. Chatterjee:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state the safeguards undertaken to save the reservoirs in the D.V.C. and the Kosi Barrage from silting and whether investigations have been undertaken to prove that such measures are considered adequate?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): The following measures have been taken to save the reservoirs of the D.V.C. and the Kosi Barrage from silting:

1. D.V.C.

(a) Some provision for dead storage has been made in all the four dams of the DVC, namely, Tilaiya, Konar, Maithon and Panchet.

(b) Soil conservation measures by way of afforestation, construction of check dams, etc. and Fore-shore Farming have been undertaken progressively in the Upper Valley to reduce silt flow.

The measures enumerated above should prove useful in reducing the flow of silt into the reservoirs. In Maithon and Panchet reservoirs of the D.V.C. sedimentation survey work has been undertaken to study the rate of silting.

2. KOSI:

(a) It is under consideration to construct detention dams in the upper reaches of the Kosi river and its tributaries. Investigations are in progress for one such dam near Kothar in Nepal.

(b) Pilot experimental soil conservation measures have also been taken up in the catchment.

Kopili Hydel Project

- *385. { Shri P. C. Borooah:
 Shri P. R. Chakraverti:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 823 on the 11th April, 1963 and state:

(a) whether American experts have since been invited to examine dam site and to tender advice on the problems relating to the execution of the Kopili Hydel Project;

(b) whether such experts have since inspected the site and tendered their advice and if so, what is their advice; and

(c) the progress since made in the implementation of the Project?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a) Yes, Sir; two experts were invited.

(b) One of the experts who visited the site in April last, suggested further investigations and studies for alternative dam site.

(c) The project can be taken up for implementation after investigations have been completed, and project report approved.

Power Generation

- *386. { Shrimati Vimla Devi:
 Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:
 Shri Warrior:
 Shri Vasudevan Nair:
 Shri M. N. Swamy:

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

(a) whether the Expert Committees' recommendations regarding the future organisational set up of power generation in the country have been considered by Government; and

(b) if so, the nature of the decision taken thereon?