

lapsable Central Pool of resources by utilising the unspent balance out of 10% of the budget allocations earmarked by the concerned Central Ministries for the North-East.

Diseases Due to Nuclear Test

2200. SHRI RAMKRISHNA BABA PATIL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the villagers of Pokharan area have started complaints of excessive bleeding from their nose, skin and eyes just after five days of nuclear test;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the preventive measures taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Irrigation Projects in Karnataka

2201. SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the sources of water from which irrigation facilities are being provided in Karnataka;

(b) the break up of irrigation potential in the State;

(c) the total drought prone area in the State brought under the irrigation during the end of Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the projections made for the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) Irrigation facilities are provided in Karnataka through major & medium surface irrigation projects and minor (ground water and surface water) irrigation schemes.

(b) The break up of Ultimate Irrigation Potential in the State of Karnataka through different sources of irrigation is as under :

Sl. No.	Source	Ultimate Irrigation potential (in million hectares)
1.	Major & Medium irrigation projects	2.50
2.	Minor irrigation schemes	
	(i) Surface Water	0.90
	(ii) Ground Water	1.20
	Total	4.60

(c) 14 major and 18 medium ongoing projects at the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan in Karnataka envisage creation of irrigation potential of 1.22 million hectares in drought prone areas besides covering other areas of the State.

(d) Ninth Plan targets have not been finalised by the Planning Commission.

[Translation]

Konar Irrigation Project

2202. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY :
SHRI R.L.P. VERMA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of such irrigation projects in the country on which the work has been suspended due to lack of consent between various agencies of the Union Government and the State Governments;

(b) the percentage of construction work of Konar Canal Project completed in Bihar till date;

(c) the estimated cost and expenditure incurred thereon upto date;

(d) whether the construction work of this project has been suspended;

(e) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the reasons therefor;

(f) whether any irregularity and misappropriation of funds has come to notice of the Government;

(g) if so, the action taken by the Government against erring personnels; and

(h) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) to (h) Irrigation projects are planned, formulated and implemented by the State Governments themselves out of their own resources.

The latest estimated cost of Konar Canal Project is Rs. 312.49 crores. The approximate expenditure incurred by the State Government upto March, 1997 is Rs. 89.48 crores.

The percentage completion of various components of the project as per Annual Plan 1996-97 documents of Government of Bihar is as under:—

Main Canal	—	97%
Distributories	—	64%
Structures	—	60%

Completion of the project will depend upon the priority attached to it by the State Government.