

provide a reasonable return to farmers apart from covering costs of inputs. A committee has been appointed by Government to amend methodology in the computation of cost of cultivation to ensure remunerative return to farmers for the production of various agricultural commodities including cotton.

[*Translation*]

**Erosion by Phalgu, Ganga, Yamuna and Dargha Rivers in Bihar**

4434. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH:  
SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some parts of Bihar are eroded by Phalgu, Ganga, Yamuna and Dargha rivers;

(b) whether Government propose to take steps to check this erosion;

(c) if so, by which time these measures are likely to be taken; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Master Plan identifying anti-erosion works have not been finalised. Protective measures are taken up by the State Government as per the site requirements before the floods.

(c) and (d). The works are done on year to year basis depending upon the availability of funds.

[*English*]

**Krishna Waters for Srisaillam Project in Andhra Pradesh**

4435. SHRI M. BAGA REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bachavat Award cleared 18 T.M.C. of Krishna Water for Left Bank Canal of Srisaillam Project in Andhra Pradesh to irrigate the backward district of Nalgonda;

(b) if so, whether Andhra Pradesh has recommended and sent the proposals to Union Government for consideration; and

(c) the progress made in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The project report was returned to the State Government in June, 1987 with a comment among others, to clearly establish the water availability on long-term basis.

[*Translation*]

**Drought in Bundelkhand**

4436. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bundelkhand area is in the grip of severe drought since 1988-89;

(b) whether plenty of land could not be cultivated due to inadequate means of irrigation;

(c) whether the problem of drinking water is also acute in this area;