

MR. SPEAKER : I say that I accept it.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : It may be shifted to the next week.

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER : The Ministry will do it. It could have been done earlier.

[*English*]

DR. V. VENKATESH : Geetaji is involved.

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER : Geetaji is very wise. She agrees.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

Renovation of Akhuapada Ayacut over river Baitarni

*103. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to renovate the Akhuapada Ayacut over river Baitarni of Orissa State, which has completed 100 years of its construction ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) :

(a) and (b) The Central Government has not received any proposal in this regard.

SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS : Perhaps the Orissa Government do not feel the gravity of the problem. As a Member of Parliament of this area I know the gravity of the problem.

The Akhuapada Anicut over river Baitarni is used to supply water for irrigation over $se\frac{5}{8}$ ral thousands of acres of land both in Bhadrak Sub-Division of Balasore District

and Jaipur Sub-Division of Cuttack District. But because of heavy deposit of sands in the river bed near the Anicut, the water required could not flow in the canals even in Kharif season though water is required both in Kharif and Rabi seasons.

May I request the Government to pass an order to investigate and to survey so as to know the problem and start renovation of Anicut ?

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : I have already said that the State Government has not sent any proposal in this regard and on enquiry they have reported that at present there is no such scheme.

SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS : There is a proposal. The extra-water from Rengali Dam was to be let off to river Baitarni above the Anicut over river Baitarni. Will the Government purpose to start the work as such ? Extra water will come to Anicut as such during Kharif and Rabi season. The water can be used for irrigation purposes.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : Sir, I have already said that with regard to Akhuapada, the State Government themselves have said that they have no scheme as such, but in spite of that fact I can say that the Rengali dam project which is a multi-purpose project with flood control, hydel power and irrigation benefits is complete and the hydel units are being commissioned and the flood control component of the dam cost was borne by the Central Government as a special case. The left canal of this also provides supplies to Akhuapada area for rabi irrigation to the extent of 29,500 hectares.

SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Mr. Speaker, Sir, has the Union Government any data regarding the various ancient anicuts which are more than 100 years, in various States ? What is the monitoring and what is the vigilance which the Union Government exercises over preventing breaches of these ancient anicuts ? For instance, in Andhra Pradesh there was a breach in the Godavari anicut. What is the vigilance and what is the technological help and assistance or advice which the Union Government is giving

to the States in regard to all these old anicuts ?

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : I need a fresh notice.

SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : This is a very simple question and the Minister for Water Resources can say whether any data is available with the Union Government with regard to all the ancient anicuts and what is the vigilance and monitoring they are doing with regard to seeing that there are no breaches in all these ancient anicuts. (*Interruptions*). The hon. Minister is aware that there was a breach in the Godavari anicut.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : Sir, this question does not emanate from the main question.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : About this, the data has already been given.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : Why is the Minister so unresponsive ? It is not a question of Telugu Ganga !

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Sir, may I know from the hon. Minister whether his Ministry has any programme to utilise the excess water of Rengali dam which is flowing into the river Baitarani and which is going waste ? If so, may I know the details ?

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : Sir, I have already replied this question stating that the water of the left canal bank of Rengali is going to Akhuapada.

Railway Time Table in South Indian languages

*106. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railway Time Table is being printed in Kannada and other South Indian languages ;

(b) if so, in which of the South Indian languages, it is being printed ; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose

to print it in Kannada and other South Indian languages for the facility of the people in these States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) The relevant Zonal Railway Time Tables are already being printed in four South Indian languages viz. Tamil, Kannada, Telugu and Malayalam.

SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I know that the zonal railway time tables are there. But ours is a very big country and we have a network of 70,000 kilometres of railway line and every person from every State would like to go to other States, would like to travel all over India. Therefore, I would like to know from the Government whether they are going to bring out an All India time table, an abridged version, in every regional language.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Sir, the All India time tables are printed in Hindi and English and zonal time tables are printed in different languages, but each of the regional time tables also contains an abstract of the timings for the important trains which run in other parts of the country.

SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER : Sir, I have seen it. But that is more confusing. I feel, Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is very necessary that we should have All India Time-table in every regional language. What that abridged time-table shows is that the train stops at Miraj and then it goes to Bombay. In between important stations are left out.

My second supplementary is, how many copies of these 4 regional languages are printed and how the books are distributed and where they are sold. I find that even in very important railway stations, railway time-tables are not available. May I know the arrangements made by the Railways for the sale of time-tables whether in English or regional languages.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : You say, they are Southern languages in Devanagiri script.