

5. Thanwar Tank
6. Pench Diversion
7. Rajghat Canal
8. Narmada Sagar
9. Mahan
10. Man.

Medium projects

1. Bah
2. Sutiapat
3. Gej
4. Barchar
5. Mahuar.

[English]

Separation of religion from Politics

*385. SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN RAMJIBHAI MAVANI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a Bill for separation of religion from politics; and

(b) if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a) and (b). The question of separating religion from politics is a sensitive matter. The Government is considering this matter in depth from various angles.

Artificial rains

*386. SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMAMURTY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether an ambitious project prepared by the Indian Meteorological Department in 1975 to cause artificial rain is lying in cold storage;

(b) whether the report with a financial outlay of Rs. 10 crores had raised hopes of

getting artificial rain for drinking water and generate hydel power as in USA and USSR; and

(c) the salient features of the report and the steps proposed in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) No, Sir.

In August 1974 a report of the Working Group on Rain Making Experiment set up by the Ministry of Tourism & Civil Aviation recommended setting up of an Indian Weather Modification Organisation during the 5th & 6th Five Year Plan periods with a financial outlay of Rs. 10.5 crores spread over a period of 9 years.

Several steps have been initiated from time to time for promoting research and applications in the area of weather modification.

(b) and (c). The salient features of the report were to establish an Indian Weather Modification Agency for developing prototype techniques for enhancing rainfall by aerial cloud seeding, dynamic cloud seeding, suppression of hail, dispersal of fog, etc. Promotion of basic research in cloud physics and modelling at research institutes and universities was also recommended.

The experiments conducted by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology over a period of about 10 years in Sirur and Baramati regions of Maharashtra are in the process of critical evaluation.

Shooting incident in Delhi

*387. KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE :

SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons killed and injured during the shooting incident in South Delhi on 20 October, 1987;