

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;

(b) the number of terrorists involved in the shooting incident killed and arrested by the police;

(c) whether an enquiry has been initiated into the incident;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to check recurrence of such incidents ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a) to (e). In the incident of indiscriminate firing by 3 terrorists in South Delhi area on the evening of the 20 October, 1987, 11 persons were killed and 8 sustained injuries. One of the terrorists was also killed. 3 cases have been registered and investigation entrusted to the Special Branch of Delhi Police.

To meet the increasing threat of terrorism in Delhi, 104 additional PCR jeeps and 310 motorcyces have been sanctioned for the Delhi Police Control Room. The setting up of 25 more police stations including one at Chittaranjan<sup>1</sup>Park, 12 more police Sub-Divisions and 3 more police districts, have also been sanctioned recently. These sanctions involve creation of about 12,000 more posts and purchase of nearly 668 more vehicles for the Delhi Police.

The Delhi Police have set up 100 pickets at strategic points with strong barricades and personnel equipped with automatic weapons and wireless sets. An operational cell to deal with terrorists has already been set up. Regular coordination meetings are held with the authorities of neighbouring States and the intelligence agencies to monitor the activities of terrorists. The Delhi Police personnel have also been trained in the use of modern weapons and regular firing practice is imparted.

#### Exodus from Fiji

\*388, SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA :

SHRI S. M. GURADDI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Fiji Indians are leaving that country in the wake of recent events there as reported in the Statesman of 4 November, 1987 ;

(b) if so, whether Government expects another refugee problem on its hands; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to stem this tide ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Government has seen reports about Fiji Indians migrating to other countries.

(b) and (c). There is no evidence of any tendency on the part of Fiji Indians wanting to migrate to India.

#### Visit of Indian delegation to Moscow for working group meet on irrigation

\*389. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :

SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Indian delegation visited Moscow for a meeting of the Working Group on Co-operation in the field of irrigation and water management recently; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the discussion held ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). An Indian Delegation visited Moscow for the first Meeting of the Working Group in October, 1987. At the end of the meeting a Protocol identifying areas of Scientific and Technical Cooperation in the Water Resources Sector was signed. A Work Plan for the year 1988 and 1989 for an exchange of technical personnel and for joint research works has also been drawn up.