

- (iii) Rewar, Dist. Nawada
- (iv) Shaktinagar, Chanen Dam Site, Dist. Bhagalpur
- (v) Gauraldagh Agriculture Farm, Supaul, Dist. Saharsa
- (vi) Mirzapur Bandukhar (Bishanpur), Dist. Begusarai
- (vii) Vikram, Dist. Patna
- (viii) Barum, Dist. Aurangabad
- (ix) Jathian, Dist. Gaya
- (x) Kharondin, Dist. Muzaffarpur
- (xi) Bahadurpur, Dist. Darbhanga
- (xii) Purnea, Dist. Purnea
- (xiii) Chiri, Dist. Lohardegga
- (xiv) Rajgrih, Dist. Nalanda
- (xv) Lalmatia, Dist. Godda

WRITTEN ANSWERES TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Cause of Trachoma

*463. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ
SHRI R M BHOYE

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state.

(a) whether the social custom of putting veil (burqua and ghunghat) by Indian women acts as a potent vehicle for the eye disease trachoma;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHA-PARDE): (a) There has been no scientific study so far in this regard.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Clearance to Narmada and Sardar Sarovar Projects

*464 SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the acreage of land likely to be irrigated from Narmada Sagar and Sardar Sarovar Projects of Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat;

(b) whether the environment will be polluted to a large extent due to these projects; if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the names of the Departments that have given clearance to these projects indicating the basis on which clearance has been given and the justification for giving them approval by the Ministry of Water Resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) An area of about 2 million hectares is likely to be irrigated

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has given environmental clearance with stipulations which *inter alia* include safeguard measures for planning and implementation *pari passu* with the progress of project works

[English]

Improvement of Paradip Port

*468. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA
SHRIMATI BASAVA
RAJESWARI

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any foreign company has been entrusted with making some improvements in the functioning of Paradip Port; if so, the name of the company and other details;