

Manampadi and also Banasura. These are all tributaries to the river Kabini. Kabini goes into Cauvery. You are impounding water on these on-going projects of nearly 245 M.W. Thereby you are drying the Kabini river and preventing water from going into the river Cauvery. I do not know how, without getting proper clearance, the Kerala Government has been allowed to construct this project which prejudices the interest of neighbouring States and Karnataka in particular. May I know whether the Central Government will take immediate steps to stop this project until the disputes are settled?

SHRI Z. R. ANSARI: As far as my information goes, out of these 9 projects, 7 projects are major and 2 are medium projects. The only project which the State Government has taken up for implementation without the clearance of the CWC is Attapady irrigation project.

Death of Cattle due to Epidemics in Patna and Veterinary Doctors Strike

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*271. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:

SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cattle in thousands are dying due to epidemics in Patna;

(b) whether veterinary doctors are on strike; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to save the life of cattle?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) The Government of Bihar have informed that no cattle epidemics are reported in Patna and the question of death of cattle in thousands does not arise.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: My question is based on the facts reported in the 'Current' dated 24th January, 1981, I can show some photographs in this connection. The news item appeared in the 'Current' dated 24th January, 1981 which reported that are hundreds and thousands of cattle died due to epidemics. He has denied this. Would the hon. Minister kindly arrange to get necessary information from the State Government concerned whether such epidemics had occurred in North Bihar or not? I would also like to know whether the Veterinary doctors went on strike during this period and whether they are taking any remedial measures for preventing the disease.

SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN: I cannot reply upon the newspapers information or the news item which appeared in the 'Current' as mentioned by the hon. Member. I can only rely upon the State Government's information. It is a State Government subject and the State Government has reported that no epidemics have taken place in that State and no cattle death had taken place. As far as the strike of the veterinary doctors is concerned, it is true that they went on strike for some time and they wanted some higher pay. The State Government has decided to wait for the report of the Fourth Pay Revision Committee and only after the recommendations are received their pay scales revision will be considered. The State Government has also appointed a Cabinet Sub-Committee to go into this question. Now, they have withdrawn the strike. But apart from the strike and other things, I can assure the hon. Member that no cattle death has taken place in that State.

DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH: The hon. Minister says that no cattle death has taken place due to epidemics. Some cattle must have died.

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SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN: I said no epidemics had taken place there.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: I know that the hon. Minister would rely upon the facts furnished by the State Government. But I would like to know from the Ministry concerned whether they will take remedial measures to see that no such epidemics recur in future and also the doctors do not go on strike during such time so that adequate measures be taken to protect the cattle. Will the hon. Minister kindly see to it that a team is sent to Bihar so that they can take remedial measures?

SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN: We have noted the suggestions made by the hon. Member. The State Government is also aware of this fact and they are already at it.

SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA: Is it not a fact that the Bihar Cabinet took a decision to implement the report of the Tukaram Committee about the pay scales and other terms of the doctors which still pending with the Government? Will the hon. Minister give a directive to them to implement those decisions that have already been taken so that the doctors would be happy and they would not go on strike again?

SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN: It is the State Government's Cabinet Sub-Committee which is looking into all these aspects. They will do all to satisfy the doctors.

श्री कृष्ण प्रताप सिंह : क्या बिहार सरकार ने पशुओं के महामारी से बचाव के लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार के पास दवाओं के लिये कोई आग्रह भेजा है ? क्या आप से दवाओं की कोई मांग की गई है ?

SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN: They have not approached us and no request has come to us.

Woollen Cloth Lying Unsold in Khadi Institutions

*274. **SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN:** Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the value of stock of woollen cloth lying unsold in the Khadi Institutions run by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission and other approved Khadi Institutions together with the date from which it is lying unsold.

(b) whether weaving and spinning work of woollen cloth in the above institutions is at standstill for the last three years rendering lakhs of workers unemployed;

(c) whether Barmer and Jaisalmer Districts where woollen industries are in abundance have been worst affected; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government this year and proposed to be taken in future to sell the unsold stock?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BALESHWAR RAM): (a) to (d). Reply is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Position of opening stock, production and closing stock of woollen khadi in respect of Institutions and Khadi and Village Industries Departmental stores, taken together, is indicated for the last two financial years below: