

(b) if so, whether such a team has been sent to Rajasthan;

(c) whether any report has been sent by the team; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government?

**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL RECONSTRUCTION, IRRIGATION AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH):** (a) to (d). The Government of Rajasthan have requested the Government of India to send a Central team to Rajasthan. The memorandum on the basis of which the Central team is to make on-the-spot assessment is however, awaited. Immediately on receipt of the memorandum, a Central team which has already been constituted will be deputed to Rajasthan.

Pending the visit of a Central Team, the Government of India have sanctioned Rs. 5.00 crores as 'on-account' payment to Rajasthan, on the 6th August, 1981.

**World Bank assistance for Mhanadi Barrages Project**

**\*6. SHRI SUBASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI:** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has given financial assistance for the Mahanadi Barrages Project;

(b) if so, the amount thereof,

(c) whether the World Bank has insisted that the work of the Project be assigned to reputed and experienced parties; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL RECONSTRUCTION, IRRIGATION AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH):** (a) and (b). An agreement for the credit assistance of US \$ 83 million has been signed in December, 1980

with the I.D.A., for the Mahanadi Barrages Project in Orissa.

(c) and (d). The project agreement signed by Government of Orissa with the I.D.A., provides that procurement of goods and civil works for the projects to be financed out of the proceeds of the credit shall be procured under contracts awarded, in accordance with the Guidelines for Procurement under World Bank Loans and I.D.A. Credits published by the Bank. These guidelines also provide for prequalification of bidding

**Water Flow in Hooghly during lean period**

**\*7 SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether pending any working agreement with Bangladesh on the Ganga Waters, any effective steps have been taken by the Government of India to maintain the water flow in the Hooghly during the lean period to save the Calcutta Port from extinction, and

(b) if so, what?

**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL RECONSTRUCTION, IRRIGATION AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH):**

(a) There is already the Indo-Bangladesh Agreement of November 1977 on sharing of the Ganga Waters at Farakka and on Augmenting its flows according to which the waters reaching Farakka are shared between India and Bangladesh during January and May every year for a period of five years.

(b) Does not arise.

**Stoppage of supply of Milk in Packets by Mother Dairy**

**\*8. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for stoppage of supply of milk in packets by the Mother Dairy;