

(b) No decision has been taken so far on the proposal by the Government.

Survey for extension Western embankments of River Kosi

*313. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether surveys for extending western embankments of river Kosi further South in Darbhanga, Samastipur and Baya Sarai District of Bihar have been completed; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and the schedule of execution of work on the project?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) of starred question No. 313 to be answered in the Lok Sabha on the 13th March, 1973 regarding survey for extension of Western Embankments of river Kosi.

(a) and (b). The protection of the areas below the existing embankment on the Kosi, Kamla and the Bagmati from flooding has been investigated by the State Government of Bihar. It has been concluded that there will be no advantage in extending the Western Kosi embankment below Ghogepur as the area to be protected will still be liable to inundation by the flood waters of Kamla and the Bagmati. The State Government, have, therefore, no proposal for extension of Western Kosi embankment.

Investigations for the construction of embankment on the right bank of Ghugri (Name of Kosi after the confluence of Kamla and Bagmati) below Mansi-Supal railway line between Badlaghat and Nagarpura and Kusela and Timmohanghat are being carried out by the State Government.

पांचवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना अवधि में बिहार में रेलवे लाइनों का विकास

314. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :
श्री ईश्वर चौधरी :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पांचवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना की अवधि में बिहार में रेलवे लाइनों के विकास के लिए बनाई गई योजनाओं का व्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ख) क्या गया-पटना रेलवे लाइन को दोहरा करने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री एल० एन० मिश्र) :

(क) नयी लाइनों के निर्माण से सम्बन्धित प्रस्तावों को अभी अन्तिम रूप नहीं दिया गया है । इसलिए अभी से यह नहीं कहा जा सकता कि इस योजना अवधि में बिहार में कौन-कौन सी नयी लाइनों का निर्माण शुरू किया जायेगा ।

(ख) जी नहीं, फिलहाल नहीं । लेकिन इस पर गुण-दोष के आधार पर विचार किया जा सकता है ।

U.N. Inter-Regional Seminar on Water resources Administration held in New Delhi

*315. SHRI PURUSHOTTAM
KAKODKAR:
SHRI BAKSI NAYAK:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a U.N. Inter-regional seminar on current issues of water resources administration was held in the 3rd week of January, 1973 at New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether he attended the seminar; and

(c) the important recommendations and observations made at the seminar and the reaction of Government thereto?