

to state:

(a) whether he gave an assurance in Lok Sabha in March, 1970 that the outeets from Pong Dam (Himachal Pradesh) would be rehabilitated before water is compounded in the Dam; and

(b) whether the assurance has been carried out; and if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No water is proposed to be impounded behind the partially completed dam. The river water is flowing down freely through the five tunnels. However during floods if the discharge is more than the capacity of the tunnels, the level upstream rises temporarily for a short duration only.

Lands and properties in most of the Tikhas which are likely to be affected by submergence even temporarily have already been acquired and compensation paid. Rehabilitation programme of oustees in Rajasthan is also in progress.

#### Completion of Farakka Barrage Project

\*1679. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the recent affairs of Bangla Desh, his Ministry propose to undertake an emergent programme to complete the work of Farakka Barrage Project in this year; and

(b) if not, how long the delay would be continued?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : (a) and (b). There is such proposal, nor is it practicable to complete the Project this year. It is expected to be completed by June, 1973.

#### Jaldhaka Hydel-Project

\*1680. SHRI B. K. DASCHOW-DHURY : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have improved the working condition of the Jaldhaka Hydel-Project and the present capacity to generate electrical power ;

(b) whether the scheme of Jaldhaka Hydel-Project has been fully commissioned into service and if not, when its full utilisation is expected to be available and the reasons for the delay ;

(c) the total amount sanctioned for the said scheme and the amount spent so far and whether any further amount will be required to complete the scheme ; and

(d) the reasons for heavy expenditure on the scheme for exceeding the estimated level ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : (a) The Civil Engineering works for improving the working of the power station as well as the augmentation of the installed generating capacity are under execution.

(b) Two generating units of 9 MW each were commissioned in March and June, 1967. The third unit of 9 MW is under erection and is expected to be completed in the next three months. The barrage spillway construction has been completed up to the crest height. Gates are being erected. The work on the non-over flow section is in progress. The balance works on the barrage such as erection of the gates for the 4th and 5th spillway bays and earth embankment on the left flank are expected to be completed during the current year. Natural hazards such as frequent floods as in July, 1964 and October, 1968 necessitated reconstruction of three mile approach road to barrage, the construction of additional two spillways at barrage, protection works to power house etc., thus delaying the completion of the project.

(c) The expenditure incurred upto the end of 1969-70 on the Jaldhaka Hydel