

वे इस बात से सहमत नहीं है कि डगमारा बराज समस्या का मितव्ययी हल हो सकेगा और उन्होंने सुझाव दिया है कि पश्चिमी कोसी नहर या नलकूपों से सिंचाई सुविधाएं तथा बाढ़ सुरक्षा प्रदान करने के वैकल्पिक उपायों को ध्यान में रखते हुए डगमारा बराज पर निर्णय लेने से पहले परियोजना के आर्थिक पक्ष का लेखा-जोखा किया जाए। समिति द्वारा की गई सिफारिशों की जांच हो रही है।

Exploitation of Waters of Varakhi River in Mysore

*1260. SHRI P. R. SHENOI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the possibility of exploiting the waters of Varakhi River in Mysore State for establishing a hydro-electric project is being investigated for the last several years;

(b) if so, the total amount spent so far for this investigation; and

(c) the reasons for the slow progress made in the investigation ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. Investigations were commenced in 1961 and completed in 1969 by the State Authorities.

(b) The amount spent on investigation so far is Rs. 20.74 lakhs.

(c) The slow progress was on account of lower priority accorded by the State Government to Varahi Project as compared to the Kalinadi Project. However, the project has been included in the Decade plan 1971-1981.

Overbridge at Level Crossing of Tinsukia Railway Station

5288. SHRI ROBIN KAKOTI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from various public bodies of Tinsukia Town, Assam for the construction of an overbridge at the level crossing on the eastern side of Tinsukia Railway Station; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA): (a) Yes.

(b) The proposal is in preliminary stage of investigation in consultation with the State Government.

Expenditure on Anti-Erosion work in Assam

5289. SHRI ROBIN KAKOTI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent to protect various parts of Assam from erosion by Brahmaputra river in 1968, 1969 and 1970; and

(b) the total amount allotted in the Fourth Five Year Plan for the above works ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL): (a) The amount spent on anti-erosion measures in the Brahmaputra valley is as follows:—

1968-69	Rs. 11.5 lakhs.
1969-70	Rs. 142 lakhs.
1970-71	Rs. 172 lakhs.

(b) The provision for anti-erosion measures in the Brahmaputra valley during Fourth Five Year Plan is Rs. 462 lakhs out of the total provision for flood control of Rs. 26.6 crores.

Expenditure on Anti-Erosion Work in Dibrugarh

5290. SHRI ROBIN KAKOTI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent up to the 31st March, 1971 for protection of Dibrugarh town from erosion by Brahmaputra river; and

(b) the amount required for further protection works to save Dibrugarh town from erosion by the Brahmaputra river?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL): (a) The total expenditure up to March, 1971 on the scheme for protection of Dibrugarh town was Rs. 4.24 crores. In addition an amount