

**Approval of Loharu and Juhri Irrigation Schemes, Haryana**

\*799. **SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the dates of approval of the Loharu and Juhri Irrigation Scheme in Haryana State;

(b) the progress of work so far achieved on these Schemes ;

(c) whether the work has been progressing according to the schedule, and if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) the amount so far spent on these Schemes since their approval till 31st March, 1971 ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) :** (a) The Loharu and Juhri projects were accepted by the Planning Commission in January 1971.

(b) and (c) The Government of Haryana have reported that the projects are progressing according to schedule. By 31st March, 1971 about 59% of earthwork and 8% of lining work had been completed on Loharu Scheme ; the corresponding figures for Juhri were 71% and 39%.

(d) Rs. 121.4 lakhs and Rs. 230.8 lakhs respectively.

**SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO :** May I know whether at the time of approving new schemes regard shall be had to the systematic and planned development of areas and the progress of schemes already in hand ?

**THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) :** When these projects were sanctioned they were intended to be completed in about three years. This is what is stated in the reply. I think the progress is fairly good.

**SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO :** Does the hon. Minister not know that the Gurgaon Canal project and Sohna Irrigation project were approved five years back and there has

been very little progress in these schemes whereas in the case of the new schemes that have been taken up the progress is very fast because of political reasons ?

**DR. K. L. RAO :** The Sohna lift irrigation scheme has not yet been taken up. Gurgaon canal scheme has been sanctioned and I think it has made good progress. I would submit to the hon. Member, who was once Chief Minister of that area, that when a number of projects are taken up in a State we cannot concentrate on one project, because these serve deficit areas of Haryana, I think, it is justified to some extent.

**Traffic Survey of Naupada-Gunupur and Rupsa-Talband Railway Lines in Orissa**

\*800. **SHRI D. K. PANDA :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the traffic surveys of Naupada-Gunupur and Rupsa Talband Branch Railway lines in Orissa have been completed ;

(b) if so, when ;

(c) whether the work of conversion of these two lines into broad gauge has been taken up ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) :** (a) and (b). No Traffic survey for the conversion of the Naupada-Gunupur Narrow Gauge line to Broad Gauge has been undertaken. The Traffic Survey for the conversion of the Rupsa-Talband Narrow Gauge line into Broad Gauge is in progress and is scheduled for completion by 31.8.1971.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The justification for the capital outlay for the projects has yet to be established.

**SHRI D. K. PANDA :** I have a confirmed report to the effect that there was a committee which was set up to make a study of these two branch lines and they have also made certain recommendations and the