

consideration of Government, but there can be no such scheme within the financial resources at our disposal which will prevent all damages for all times to come due to floods. We are taking all possible measures that we can take within the limitations of our resources.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: He has not answered whether any World Bank assistance has been sought for fighting damages due to floods in this country.

SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH: No assistance from the World Bank is being sought.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: He is making a contradictory statement. World Bank assistance has been sought to fight flood damages in Bihar. (*Interruption*). The Bihar Government, with the assistance of the Centre, has sought financial aid from the World Bank this has been reported in the *Hindustan Times* dated 10th October 1976. Are you aware of this fact that the Bihar Government has sought assistance from the World Bank?

SHRI BHANU RATAP SINGH: This question may have been considered in the past, but just now we are not seeking any aid from the World Bank. (*Interruption*).

श्री उपसेन : अभी माननीय मंत्री जी ने एक प्रश्न के उत्तर में कहा है कि बाढ़ों को समाप्त करने के लिए फ्लड्स कंट्रोल बोर्ड, बाढ़ नियंत्रण बोर्ड बना है। मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से एक निश्चित सवाल करना चाहता हूँ कि यह जो फ्लड कंट्रोल बोर्ड बना है क्या उसकी योजना में जो कि बाढ़ों को समाप्त करने के लिए बनायी गयी है उत्तरप्रदेश की राप्ती पर भालूबांग, घाघरा पर करनाली और शारदा पर पंचेश्वर योजनाओं को भी सम्मिलित किया गया है जिससे उन क्षेत्रों में हमेशा के

लिए बाढ़ों की समस्या खत्म हो जाए और वहाँ के 5 करोड़ लोगों को इससे राहत मिले ? इसका स्पष्ट उत्तर मंत्री जी दें।

श्री भानु प्रताप सिंह : मैं विभिन्न राज्यों की एक एक योजना के बारे में उत्तर नहीं दे सकता।

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS
Visit of Education Minister to USSR

*5. **SHRI SURENDRA BIKRAM:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he visited USSR recently; and

(b) if so, the nature of talks held and conclusion drawn?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During my stay in USSR from 13th to 16th September, 1977, I met H.E. Mr. A. Kosygin, Prime Minister of USSR and discussed with him matters pertaining to cooperation between India and USSR with particular reference to fields of education and culture. I also had fruitful discussions with H.E. Mr. P. Demichev, Minister of Culture and H.E. Prof. V. P. Yelutin, Minister of Higher and Secondary Specialised Education, USSR on subjects of mutual interest. With Mr. Demichev I discussed the development of the arts and crafts, specially theatre. With H.E. Prof. Yelutin, the important question of joint text books on scientific and technological subjects was discussed.

I also inaugurated the Festival of Indian Art and Culture in Moscow on 15th September, 1977.