

is no major irrigation project in Assam which is being financed by the Central Government. Irrigation is a State subject and irrigation projects are financed by the State Governments themselves. The Central assistance is given in the form of block loans and grants for the State Plan as a whole and is not related to any sector of development or individual Project.

(b) The State Government have submitted 5 major irrigation schemes which are under technical examination in the Central Water Commission in consultation with the State Government.

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* 520. श्री लालजी भाई : क्या निर्वाण और आबास तथा पूति और पुनर्वास संजी यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राजस्थान के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में वेद जल की सप्लाई की समस्या के समाधान के लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार प्रयत्नशील है;

(ख) क्या इस समस्या के समाधान के लिये किसी विश्व संस्था प्रयत्न विदेशी सरकार का सहयोग मिलने की सम्भावना है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी योजना का स्वरूप क्या है ?

निर्वाण और आबास तथा पूति और पुनर्वास संजी (श्री सिकन्दर बल्ल) :

(क) से (ग) देश के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में जलपूति के लिए केन्द्र द्वारा प्रवर्तित योजना के रूप में एक त्वरित कार्यक्रम इस वर्ष अस्तित्व किया गया है जिसके अधीन राजस्थान सहित सभी राज्यों को, प्रथमतः ऐसे समस्याग्रस्त ग्रामों में सुरक्षित वेद जल की व्यवस्था करने के लिए अत-प्रतिबन्ध अनुदान सहायता की जाएगी जहाँ पानी का अभाव 1.6 फिटो मीटर से कम है पर जहाँ जल सतह से नीचे पायी

से पैदा होने वाली स्वाभाविक विपत्ती हो, या जहाँ मोहर, क्लोरिड और फ्लोरिड जैसे अहरीले पदार्थ पानी में भूले हुए हों। यह सहायता उन निधियों के अन्तर्गत होगी जो न्यूनतम आवश्यकता कार्यक्रम के अधीन ग्रामीण जलपूति के लिये प्लान के राज्य क्षेत्र में पहले दी हुई थी।

कठिनाई वाले तथा कमी वाले क्षेत्रों, विशेषकर पथरीले क्षेत्रों में भूमिगत जल निकालने के लिए राजस्थान सरकार को मुनिसिफ सहायता के अधीन 9 इडिलिंग रिग दिए गए हैं।

भारत उच्च द्विपक्षी कार्यक्रम के अधीन राजस्थान में जलपूति योजना के लिए कुछ सहायता दिलवाने की सम्भावनाएं खोजी जा रही हैं। इस योजना में चूड़ जिले की तारानवर/राजगढ़ तहसीलों और गंगानवर जिले की मोहर तहसील के 238 ग्रामों में जलपूति की व्यवस्था है। इस प्रोजेक्ट पर लगभग 6.83 करोड़ रुपये खर्च का अनुमान है और इससे लगभग 1.75 लाख जनसंख्या को लाभ होने की सम्भावना है।

Fishing Harbour on Gujarat Coast

*521. SHRI AHMED M. PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a fishing harbour on the Gujarat Coast;

(b) if so, the site selected therefor; and

(c) the progress made in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The sites already selected for construction of fishing harbours along the Gujarat Coast are at Varaval and

Mangrol. Besides there is a proposal for construction of a fishing harbour at Porbunder.

(c) Fishing harbours at Varaval and Mangrol are being sanctioned. Government have also successfully negotiated World Bank assistance for development of fisheries at both these centres covering besides the harbours, other items like infrastructure boats, nets, refrigeration plants, resources surveys and market surveys.

As regards Porbunder, a pre-investment survey has been carried out and a project report drawn up.

Excavations in West Bengal

*522. SHRI SAUGATA ROY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India propose to undertake further excavations in Chandraketur Garh, Berachampa, 24 Parganas and in Pandurajar Dhipi, Burdwan, West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) and (b). The Archaeological Survey of India does not have any proposal at present to undertake excavation at Chandraketurgarh, Berachampa in District 24-Parganas and Pandurajar Dhipi in District Burdwan, West Bengal, which have already been excavated on a large scale respectively by the University of Calcutta and the State Department of Archaeology.

Major Irrigation Projects of Kerala

*523. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are major irrigation projects that have not been completed

after the stipulated period in Kerala and the reasons for the same;

(b) whether any request has been received from the Kerala Government for the early completion of these projects; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Seven major irrigation projects namely Periyar Valley, Kallada, Pamba, Kuttiadi, Chitturpuzha Kanhipuzha and Pazhassi in Kerala were taken up for execution in the mid sixties which have not so far been completed mainly on account of the inability of the State Government to provide adequate funds for the same.

(b) and (c). The Government of Kerala have been requesting the Government of India for additional Special assistance for completing these projects for the last few years. A special advance Plan assistance of Rs. 2.10 crores during 1975-76 and Rs. 2.50 crores during 1976-77 was provided to the State Government for some of these major on going irrigation projects with a view to accelerate the tempo of works on these projects and to achieve early irrigation benefits.

Damage due to Erosion by River Ganga in Bihar

*524. SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the enormous damage being caused as a result of erosion by river Ganga in Bihar;

(b) was any investigation undertaken with a view to arresting the erosion and saving large tracts of fertile agricultural lands as well as community assets like roads, bridges, buildings etc.; and