

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