

with earmarked and matching provision of funds;

(iii) priority for preparation of Master Plans;

(iv) increasing the tempo of flood control measures;

(v) priority for construction of storage reservoirs/detention dams;

(vi) emphasis on modernisation of the existing flood forecasting system and introduction and implementation of flood plain regulation and management;

(vii) soil conservation, afforestation and watershed management in the catchment areas of flood prone rivers; and

(viii) moratorium on felling of trees and deforestation.

World Bank Aid for Soil Conservation in the Himalayan Region

*290. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any collaboration arrangement with the World Bank for an integrated water and soil conservation of the Himalayan region of the country;

(b) the salient features of this scheme and whether any part of the scheme has already been taken up for execution; and

(c) if so, the details of the same?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) No. However possibilities of World Bank Aid for an Afforestation integrated Watershed Management Torrent Control and Land use Development in the Western Himalayas, particularly in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh are being explored.

(b) The salient features of the schemes when implemented will be Surveyed and formulation of work Plan on Watershed basis for Afforestation, Pasture Development, Development of Land for Agriculture Horticulture and torrent and land slide control. No. component of the scheme has so far been taken up for execution.

(c) Does not arise.

Formulation of Irrigation Modernisation Projects

*291. SHRI C. R. MAHATA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose time bound programmes for the formulation of irrigation modernisation projects; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) and (b). The Conference of State Irrigation Ministers held in February 1979, noted that the progress made in the formulation and implementation of Schemes for the current medium-term plan for modernisation of old irrigation projects has not been very satisfactory and recommended to the State Governments that time bound programmes be prepared for the formulation of projects for modernisation of irrigation systems and expert groups commissioned for completing the formulation of such projects by the end of 1979. The State Governments have been accordingly advised.

गोडावण (बस्टर्ड) का शिकार

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(क) दे। म इस समय गोडावणों की अनुमानित संख्या क्या है और वे किस राज्य में सबसे अधिक संख्या में पाये जाते हैं ;