

implementation of various soil conservation and watershed management programmes in Uttar Pradesh. Important development programmes that are currently under implementation to tackle the problem of erosion and degradation are (1) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Projects, (2) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Watershed Management in the Catchments of Flood Prone Rivers, (3) National Watershed Development Programme in Rainfed Areas, (4) World Bank Assisted Himalayan Watershed Management in Uttar Pradesh, (5) European Economic Community (EEC) assisted Integrated Watershed Management in the Ravinous Areas of Chambal and Yamuna in Uttar Pradesh, (6) Reclamation of Ravinous Areas in Dacoity Prone Districts of Uttar Pradesh, (7) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Soil, Water and Tree Conservation in the Himalayas, (8) Drought Prone Area Programme. Besides, the State Government has its own programmes of Soil Conservation.

In Hamirpur District in particular, the following schemes are under implementation:—

- (i) Reclamation of Ravinous Areas in Dacoity Prone Districts of Uttar Pradesh.
- (ii) Drought Prone Area Programmes.
- (iii) National Watershed Development Programme in Rainfed Areas.
- (iv) Programmes of Soil Conservation as part of State Plan.

[English]

Babri Masjid Committee

475. Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Babri Masjid Action Committee, has opposed the composition of 3 Member Committee set up recently by the Home Ministry for the purpose of working out an amicable solution to the Ram Janambhoomi Babri Masjid dispute; and

(b) if so, the further action proposed in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b). A representation of All India Babri Masjid Action Committee (Zafar Yab Zilani) regarding the composition of the Committee set up by the Government recently has been received and is under consideration of the Government.

Improvement Schemes on National Highway No. 42 in Orissa

476. SHRI BHAJAMAN BEHERA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for improvement of LG Section from 180–186, short approaches to Gurujanga bridge and improvement of Banarpal on National Highway No. 42, in Dhenkanal District of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the amount proposed to be sanctioned therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b). Estimate for improving the low grade section between km. 180 to 186 has been sanctioned for Rs. 37.81 lakhs in March '89 and the same is in progress with the stipulated date of completion as February 1991.

There is no proposal for the construction of short approaches to Gurujanga bridge

but estimate for construction of regular approaches has been sanctioned for Rs. 24.28 lakhs in March '89. The work is in progress with stipulated date of completion as July '1990.

Design for the improvement of Banarpal junction has already been approved. The State Government have now to remove the encroachment and project the estimate to this Ministry.

Allocation of Funds for Solving Water Scarcity in Kerala

477. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any funds have been allotted and given to Kerala for solving the problem of drinking water scarcity in the State this

year; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a team of experts is proposed to be sent to Kerala to study the serious drought affecting the State;

(c) whether Government of Kerala has sought more funds to tackle the situation; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Union Government to provide necessary funds to solve the problem?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of India had approved ceiling of expenditure of Rs. 5.65 crores to Government of Kerala for making drinking water supply arrangements in rural and urban areas for the period from April, 1989 to June, 1989 as per details given below:—

<i>Item</i>	<i>Ceiling of expenditure approved (Rs. in Lakhs)</i>
A. Non-Plan	
Rural Water Supply	
1. Transportation of Water through tankers to 75 villages.	28.00

<i>Item</i>	<i>Ceiling of expenditure approved (Rs. in Lakhs)</i>
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B. Plan

Rural Water Supply

1. Construction of 430 borewells in rural areas.	86.00
2. Construction of 31 tube wells in rural areas.	62.00
3. Improvement and augmentation of existing sources including temporary bunding, construction of infiltration galleries etc. in 1105 villages/sites.	157.50