

**Bajjnath Temple and Kangra Fort**

2615. SHRI DURGA CHAND: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bajjnath temple and Kangra Fort in Himachal Pradesh are in a dilapidated condition;

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking for renovating these monuments of National importance;

(c) whether it is a fact that the renovation work of these two monuments is **very slow**;

(d) when the work is likely to be completed; and

(e) what is the amount earmarked for this purpose and the expenditure incurred so far on this account?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) No, Sir. Only some portions of the fortwalls of the Kangra Fort are in a damaged condition.

(b) to (d). As a matter of policy, the Survey does not undertake renovation and reconstruction of monuments. Suitable measures for the conservation of the damaged portions, however, are being taken this year. The completion of the work would depend on the extent of the damaged portion and may extend to two seasons.

(e) The upto-date expenditure, including that of the last year is Rs. 20,600. For the current financial year an amount of Rs. 60,000 has been provided for the monuments.

**Drainage of Flood Water in Delhi**

2616. SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that during the recent floods, flood water remained near Delhi and Najafgarh areas, surrounding large number of villages for more than two months;

(b) what was this due to; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in order to ensure immediate drainage of flood water from the villages in future?

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

(b) This was due to extremely heavy rainfall and unprecedented floods in the Sahibi river this year and inadequate capacity of Najafgarh Drain therefor resulting in drainage congestion.

(c) To discuss the problem of floods in Delhi, Haryana and Rajasthan due to Sahibi Nadi and to find solution therefor an inter-State meeting of the Chief Ministers of Rajasthan and Haryana and Lt. Governor of Delhi was convened by the Prime Minister on August 10, 1977. It was decided in the meeting that a Master Plan be prepared urgently for utilisation of the Sahibi Waters for irrigation and ground water recharge to the extent possible for safe disposal of surplus waters into Yamuna. Such a Master Plan is being prepared by the Central Water Commission in consultation with the Chief Engineers of the States of Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi. An outline plan is expected to be ready by end of December, 1977. This may *inter-alia* include construction of a storage reservoir on river Sahibi at Ajmeripura in Rajasthan mainly for irrigation and at Masani in Haryana mainly for flood moderation, improvement of Najafgarh drain in Delhi to its optimum possible capacity, and proposals for construction of small storages, ground water recharge, soil conservation, additional drains etc.

**Damage of Wheat Stored by Central Warehousing Corporation**

2617. SHRI S. D. SOMASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether wheat stored by the Central Warehousing Corporation has suffered in quality due to improper