

Dams at Kallar and Munar

6172 SHRI K A RAJU Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal for a project undertaken by Kerala Government to construct dams at Kallar and Munar near Niyamakadu the catchment area of Amaravathi River,

(b) if so, whether he is aware that this construction of dam will make the Amaravathi River Project area of Coimbatore District into a desert

(c) this being the case what action he propose to take to prevent this catastrophe

(d) whether there is any proposal to divert the water already used for Hydro electricity of Idukki scheme by constructing a tunnel of 7 kilo metres length to be brought into Niyamakadu and

(e) if so whether he is aware that this will facilitate irrigation of 2 lac acres of dry land in Coimbatore Districts?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA) (a) No proposal for construction of dams across Kallar and Munar near Niyamakadu has so far been received from the Government of Kerala

(b) and (c) Do not arise

(d) and (e) There is proposal to divert the waters used for power generation under Idukki Scheme to be brought into Niyamakadu by construction a 7 Km tunnel

Production of Sugar

6173 SHRI DHARM VIR VASISHT Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state

(a) the total production of sugar in the first four months ending 31st January, 1978, and

(b) the total closing stock of sugar with the factories as on 31st January, 1978 as against on the same date last year together with reasons for major difference in the position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH) (a) The total production of sugar in the first four months of 1977-78 sugar season i.e upto 31-1-1978 was 23 45 lakh tonnes

(b) The total closing stock of sugar with th factories as on 31st January in 1977-78 sugar season was 24 29 lakh tonnes as against 18 64 lakh tonnes on the same date in 1976-77 sugar season The main reason for higher stocks on 31st January this year is the increase in carryover as on 1-10-1977 by about 7 4 lakh tonnes as compared to the carryover as on 1-10 1976

Affairs of Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad

6175 SHRI A K ROY Will the Minister of EDUCATION SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether the attention of the Ministry has been drawn to the news item published in the Coal field Gazette dated 21st January 1978 and 29th January 1978 on the affairs of Indian School of Mines Dhanbad if so details therefore and

(b) whether the Ministry propose to have a probe into the matter to ascertain truth in it and to take action either against the management or against the journal?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE DR PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER) (a) Yes Sir A statement indicating the points made out in the Gazette is attached

(b) The Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad is an institution deemed to