

और इस पर कितनी लागत आयेगी ; और

(ग) क्या इस पर निर्माण-कार्य शीघ्र शुरू करने को सुनिश्चित करने के लिये तात्कालिक कार्यवाही करने का विचार है ?

**ऊर्जा और सिंचाई तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री ए. बी. ए. गनी खान चाधरी):** (क) गुजरात सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि बनास कांठा जिले में धनेरा टाउन के 18 किलोमीटर प्रतिप्रवाह में रेल सिंचाई स्कीम की सर्वेक्षण रिपोर्ट पर राज्य सरकार द्वारा विचार किया जा रहा है। उन्होंने यह भी सूचित किया है कि प्रस्ताव में बाढ़ों को कम करने की कोई परिकल्पना नहीं की गई है।

(ख) और (ग). परियोजना का अन्वेषण कार्य पूरा होने, तथा राज्य सरकार द्वारा परियोजना रिपोर्ट को अन्तिम रूप देने और केन्द्र द्वारा मंजूरी दे दिए जाने के बाद ही इस परियोजना पर निर्माण-कार्य आरम्भ किया जा सकता है। तथापि, परियोजना पर 8.30 करोड़ रुपये की लागत आने का अनुमान लगाया गया है और परियोजना पर निर्माण-कार्य आरम्भ हो जाने के बाद इसके चार वर्ष में पूरा हो जाने की संभावना है।

#### **Implementation of Varmanapuram Irrigation Project**

1665. SHRI A. NEELALCHITHA-DASAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Kerala has already taken up the issue of the proposed 'Varmanapuram Irrigation Project', with the Central Government;

(b) is so, what the Central Government have done in this respect;

(c) what is the present stage of the proposed project; and

(d) the action taken by the State Government in this respect, give details ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) to (d). The report of Vamanapuram Irrigation Project was received in the Central Water Commission in December, 1973. The project report was examined

in the Commission and the comments were sent to the Government of Kerala during 1974. The State Government have sent replies to some of the comments and replies to others are still awaited. Their latest letter in this regard was received in June, 1979.

With a view to expediting the technical examination of the project for clearance, the Central Water Commission have requested the Government of Kerala to depute the concerned Officer to the Commission for discussions.

#### **Idukki Hydro-Electric Project, Kerala**

1666. SHRI A. NEELALCHITHA-DASAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Kerala have already taken up the issue of the second stage of the Idukki-Hydro-Electric Project with the Central Government;

(b) if so, what the Central Government have done in this respect; and

(c) what the Central Government propose to do in this respect ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) to (c). The revised project report of Idukki Hydrel Project, Stage-II, Kerala envisaging installation of 3 generating units of 130 MW (3x130 MW) has been cleared by the Planning Commission.

#### **Fire in A.I.R. Station at Patna**

1667. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it was a fact that there was a big fire in A.I.R. station at Patna; and

(b) if so, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). A fire broke out in the Patna station of All India Radio on the 9th March, 1980. It was detected at about 3-45 p.m. In this fire, the Music Studio and its booth were completely damaged. By taking