

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b). The feasibility report of the Churu Lift Irrigation Scheme envisaging irrigation of 1.39 lakh hectares in Churu and Jhunjhunu Districts of Rajasthan was submitted by the Chief Engineer, Rajasthan in 1975. The Scheme proposed utilisation of 3000 cusecs of water—partly from Ganga and partly from Yamuna. The Uttar Pradesh Government do not envisage that any surplus in Ganga waters would be available after completion of their proposed schemes. The question of sharing the waters of the Yamuna amongst the concerned basin States is yet to be resolved.

Gurgaon Canal Project was approved in 1976. The Project envisages utilization of 500 cusecs of Yamuna waters during July to November to irrigate an area of 42169 hectares in Bharatpur District of Rajasthan. The Project is likely to be completed in 1984-85.

(c) and (d). The Honourable Member is presumably referring to the proposal of the Government of Punjab for the construction of a common channel as an alternative arrangement for irrigation supplies for the Gang Canal of Rajasthan, which is known as Bikaner Canal in Punjab.

Rajasthan Government is not agreeable to this proposal.

On a reference made by the Government of Rajasthan to the Centre, meetings were held to find out a solution acceptable to both the States. In the last meeting held in February, 1980, it was decided that both the States should examine the estimates of two sets of proposals on the basis of cost and area of land to be acquired. The result of this study is awaited from the State Governments.

Production and Demand of Urea

203. SHRI SUSHIL BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) year-wise production of urea during the last three years; and

(b) the gap between the production and the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b): Production of urea in terms of nitrogen by all the fertilizer plants, the total production of nitrogen, and the gap between consumption and production of nitrogen during the years 1977-78, 1978-79, and 1979-80 are given below:

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

Year	Production of urea in terms of Nitrogen	Total production of Nitrogen	Gap between consumption and production of Nitrogen
1977-78	14.13	20.00	9.13
1978-79	15.12	21.70	12.50
1979-80	16.13	22.26	12.72

Irrigation Dam over Kalpong River in North Andaman

204. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the proposed construction of an irrigation dam over Kalpong river

in North Andaman, which was investigated by the Investigation Division of the Central Water and Power Commission;

(b) whether the Investigation Division has submitted a report for construction of a dam for irrigation and also for generation of hydro-power; and

(c) if so, what action Government contemplate to construct a dam on Kalpong river considering that not a single acre of land is under irrigation in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and if constructed, this venture would be the only one to provide irrigation facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c). The report on Kalpong project Stage-I which envisage a power generation of 940 KW and an irrigation potential of 400 hectares was received from the Andaman and Nicobar Administration in December, 1977 but was found economically not feasible. This project duly modified for power generation alone is under examination in Central Electricity Authority.

A proposal for Kalpong Project Stage-II which envisages power generation of 215 KW and an irrigation potential of 1080 hectares in Diglipur Tehsil was also found economically not feasible.

A Central Team which visited the Andaman and Nicobar Island in January, 1978 in their report submitted to the Government of India in December, 1978 had felt that there is scope to take up minor irrigation schemes in preference to major and medium storage schemes for irrigation. The Andaman and Nicobar Administration has also set up an investigation Division for the assessment of surface water sources in the Union Territory. The minor irrigation schemes will be taken up after the investigation of schemes are completed and feasibility Reports are prepared.

Guidelines for Foreign Correspondents

205. SHRI N. E. HORO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistan TV has highlighted the violent incidence in Moradabad and Sri-

nagar giving the viewers a distorted version of these happenings; and

(b) if so, what are the guidelines laid down for the foreign correspondents as well as foreign photographers by the Indian Government in such circumstances?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) Press Reports to the effect that Pakistan TV had highlighted the Moradabad and Srinagar incidents have come to Government's notice.

(b) There are no guidelines, prescribed by the Governments, for the foreign correspondents/photographs in this behalf.

Setting up of a High-Level Energy Commission

206 SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a High-level Energy Commission; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir, at present there is no proposal to set up a High-Level Energy Commission.

(b) Does not arise.

News-Item Captioned "Coal Shortage hits Plan to raise Power output"

207. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA:
SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "coal shortage hits plan to raise