

हो जाने की संभावना है। इंजीनियरी वर्क्स पर कुल 442 करोड़ रुपया व्यय होने की संभावना है।

Funds for Construction of Baitarani Barrage in Orissa

1000—X. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds have been allocated by the Central Government to undertake the construction work of Baitarani Barrage at Anandpur in Orissa;

(b) if so, what amount has been allocated under this head; and

(c) when construction work is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b). Irrigation is a State subject and funds for execution of irrigation projects are provided by State Government within the frame-work of their overall developmental plans. Central assistance is given in the form of block loans and grants, which is not related of any individual sector of development or project.

As per Draft Sixth Five Year Plan (1980—85) of Orissa, the Anandpur Barrage Project on the Baitarni river is estimated to cost Rs. 965 lakhs against which Rs. 515 lakhs have been spent upto the end of 1979-80. An outlay of Rs. 85 lakhs has been provided by the State Government for the year 1980-81 and the provision proposed for the year 1981-82 is Rs. 170 lakhs. The total outlay proposed by the State during the Sixth Five Year Plan is Rs. 450 lakhs.

(c) The Project is likely to be completed within the Sixth Five Year Plan.

Setting up of Hiraqund Reservoir

1000-Y. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hiraqund reservoir has been fast silting up;

(b) if so, how long the dam is expected to last; and

(c) any step taken by Government to protect the dam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) As per the studies carried out so far, the Hiraqund Reservoir has been silting up at a rate faster than what was assumed at the Project formulation stage.

(b) It is not possible to indicate the exact life of the reservoir at present.

(c) A Centrally sponsored Scheme of soil conservation was launched in the catchment of Hiraqund Reservoir both in Madhya Pradesh and Orissa during the Third Five Year Plan. Till 1980-81 about 235 lakh ha of catchment area has been treated with soil and water conservation measures incurring an expenditure of Rs. 13.23 crores. This programme is being continued further.

Estimated cost of Bhimkund Multipurpose Project

1000-Z. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated cost of the Bhimkund Multipurpose Project;

(b) the number of villages of Keonjher district and other districts of Orissa which can be brought under irrigation after the completion of the project; and

(c) how many acres of land in different districts of Orissa can be brought under irrigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The latest estimated cost of the Bhimkund Multipurpose Project Stage-I, as intimated by the State Government, is Rs. 394.29 crores.

(b) and (c). Stage-I of the Project envisages only flood control and hydro-electric power generation. Report on Stage-II of the Project envisaging irrigation benefits is yet to be received from the State Government. As such, details of the area to be irrigated are not available.

Early implementation of scheme by Ganga erosion Committee

1000-ZA. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of West Bengal have requested the Govt. of India to immediately implement the 293.7 crore scheme prepared by the Ganga Erosion Committee; and

(b) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b). The State Government has requested the Government of India to provide financial assistance to take up erosion works recommended by the Ganga Erosion Committee. Normally, the State Governments are responsible for formulating and implementing flood control works. In this case, as some of the works relate to the Farakka Barrage complex including Jangipur Barrage, the Central Government has already taken up those measures which pertain to the Farakka Barrage Project. For considering further the request of the State Government for financial assistance, the State Government has been requested to formulate specific proposals in this regard.

Clearance to Vamanapuram Irrigation Project in Kerala

1000-ZB. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHA-DASAN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have given clearance to the Project Report of the Vamanapuram Irrigation Project in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details of project;

(c) if not, what is the reason for not given the clearance so far;

(d) what are the details of the Project Report pending before the Central Government for clearance as regard to the Vamanapuram Irrigation Project; and

(e) when the Central Government are expected to give the clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (e). The Vamanapuram Irrigation Project envisages construction of a storage dam across Kallar river, a tributary of Vamanapuram river at Valayanki in Nedumangam Taluk of Travandrum District of Kerala, and a left bank main canal to provide irrigation to an area of 13,000 hectares annually. The project is estimated to cost Rs. 37.22 crores. The project has been examined and technically cleared by the Central Water Commission and sent to the Planning Commission for consideration by the Technical Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood Control and Multipurpose Projects. The final clearance of the project has to be given by the Planning Commission on the basis of the recommendations of the Technical Advisory Committee.

Strengthening of Mulla Periyar Dam

1000-ZC. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHA-DASAN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state: