

(ख) प्राकृतिक दुर्घटनाओं के असर को पूरी तौर पर दूर तो नहीं किया जा सकता, फिर भी जहां तक सम्भव हो सका है अधिक से अधिक लाइनों को जमीन के नीचे स्थानान्तरित करके उनका असर बहुत कुछ कम कर दिया गया है। इसके परिणामस्वरूप जब कि ५६-६० की सदियों में ६०० बार खराबियां हुईं, ६०-६१ की सदियों के दौरान में केवल २०० बार खराबियां हुईं, हालांकि उस वर्ष पहले से अधिक हिमपात हुआ था।

Farakka Barrage

*304. { Shri Hem Barua;
Shri Indrajit Gupta:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the project for the construction of a barrage at Farakka is ready for implementation;

(b) if so, whether any date is fixed from which the construction of the aforesaid barrage may begin; and

(c) the details of the project?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes, the Project Report has been ready since April 1959, and detailed designs preceding construction have been under way.

(b) The left afflux bund of the Farakka Barrage Project has been already completed. Further construction on major components of the project is proceeding.

(c) The project envisages the construction of a barrage across the river Ganga at Farakka, a Feeder canal 26 miles long with its outfall into the river Bhagirathi and a Barrage at Jangipur below the outfall of the Feeder Canal.

Wheat Consignment from U.S.A. Under P. L. 480 Programme

*305. { Shri Mahavir Tyagi;
Shri Raghunath Singh;
Shri Assar;
Shri Bibhuti Mishra;
Shri Pahadia;
Shri Shree Narayan Das;
Shri Radha Raman;
Shri Muhammed Elias:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a ship carrying wheat from U.S.A. under P. L. 480 programme has been damaged while on way to India;

(b) if so, how much of the wheat stock has been wasted; and

(c) whether the cargo was not insured?

The Deputy Minister of Food & Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b). The vessel Portland Trader carrying a quantity of 9,800 long tons of wheat from U.S.A. was damaged in Sulu sea in the Philippines. It is estimated that the damaged quantity of wheat will not be more than 1,300 tons.

(c) The cargo was not insured with any Insurance Co., as the Government carry the insurable risk themselves.

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*306. Shri H. N. Mukherjee: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) what is the shortfall as regards the 2nd Plan target for completing the first round of the BCG campaign by covering the entire susceptible population below 25 years of age; and

(b) whether Government have accepted for implementation of the Indian Medical Association's offer of co-operation in this behalf?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) Against the target of 110 million of susceptible population 90