

establishment of an industrial Estate at Takyal in Manipur ;

(b) whether the processing of the proposal has been delayed ; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) to (c). Four each of 'A' and 'B' type sheds are nearing completion. Construction work for 10 'C' type sheds is being started and is expected to be completed during 1971-72. Another set of four each of 'A' and 'B' type sheds are proposed to be taken up for construction during 1971-72. Construction work is being started for the installation of an 11 KVA line sub-station, a common facilities centre and a water supply sub-station for the Industrial Estate.

Flood Protection Work by West Bengal Government

2761. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the scheme regarding Flood Protection Work for Malerjhar, Bhuladanga and Rajarhat in Cooch-Bihar which was proposed to be sent to Union Government by West Bengal Government has since been received ;

(b) if so, whether it has been considered by the technical Committee ; and

(c) If so, the cost involved and the date by which it is likely to be commissioned ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) to (c). The Government of West Bengal had proposed to prepare a scheme after carrying out model experiments. The State Government, after taking into account the performance of the works of bank protection already executed, and the present river conditions, now consider that further protective measures in the area are not necessary.

Completion of Farakka Barrage Scheme

2762. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY :
DR. RANEN SEN :
SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS
MUNSI :

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the total cost of the Farakka Barrage Scheme ;

(b) when the bridge over Ganga will be opened for vehicular traffic ; and

(c) the reasons for the delay in the completion of the scheme ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) The total estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 156 crores.

(b) Bridge over the Farakka Barrage Project was expected to be opened for vehicular traffic by the end of this year.

(c) Originally the Farakka Barrage Project was expected to be completed by June, 1971 ; but the labour unrest in the Contractors' Organisations, and demonstrations, strikes, go-slow tactics, etc., by the staff and workers of the Project which started in the beginning of 1969-70 working season, have caused a set-back in the progress of works and have affected the target date of completion of the Project. Added to this, the failure of one of the Contractors working on the Canal, also contributed to the short-fall in progress.

Broad gauge line from New Cooch-Bihar to New Gitaldah (North East Frontier Railway)

2763. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the survey for extension of broad gauge line from New Cooch-Bihar to New Gitaldah in North-east Frontier Railway replacing the existing metre gauge line has since been undertaken ;

(b) whether due to lack of broad gauge line

in that area, large quantities of goods are being transported through trucks resulting in huge monetary loss to the Railways; and

(c) if so, by what time the survey mentioned at part (a) above will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) No.

(b) There is ample spare capacity on the existing M. G. line to handle additional traffic in future and therefore the question of loss to the Railways for want of capacity does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Re-opening of Railway Line from Haldibari to Jalpaiguri (North-East Frontier Railway)

2764. **SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Zonal Manager North-east Frontier Railway has submitted a scheme for the re-opening of Railway line from Haldibari to Jalpaiguri, which was closed since October, 1968 on account of floods; and

(b) if so, the total amount required for such reconstruction and by what time this work will be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) According to the instructions from the Railway Board, North-east Frontier Railway has submitted a proposal for restoration of Jalpaiguri Haldibari Broad Gauge Section without taking into account the implications of flood discharge of 7 lakhs cusecs in the river Tista.

(b) The total amount is being worked out. Decision on this proposal is expected to be taken within a month.

Introduction of Rajdhani Express-type train between Delhi and Bombay

2765. **SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether another Express train like

Rajdhani Express will be run between Delhi and Bombay; and

(b) if so, from which date?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Yes. On the Western Railway route between New Delhi and Bombay Central.

(b) The date by which this train will be introduced has not yet been decided.

उत्तर प्रदेश में उत्तराखण्ड प्रदेश में बांध परियोजनाएं

2766. **श्री नरेन्द्र सिंह बिष्ट :** क्या सिंचाई और बिजुत्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश के उत्तराखण्ड क्षेत्र के जिलों तथा नैनीताल, अल्मोड़ा, पिथौरागढ़, उत्तरकाशी, चमोली, टिहरी गढ़वाल, पौड़ी गढ़वाल तथा देहरादून में कोई बांध की योजनाएं निर्माणाधीन हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो प्रत्येक स्थान पर निर्माण कार्य पर क्या प्रगति हुई है तथा इस संबंध में भावी योजनाओं का व्यौरा क्या है?

सिंचाई और बिजुत्त मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री बंजनाथ कुरील) : (क) उल्लिखित जिलों में संचय परियोजनाओं के नाम नीचे दिए गए हैं : पौड़ी गढ़वाल जिले में राम गंगा बांध ; टिहरी गढ़वाल जिले में टिहरी बांध ; देहरादून जिले में किशाऊ और लखवार बांध ; अल्मोड़ा जिले में पंचेदवर बांध ; पौड़ी गढ़वाल और टिहरी गढ़वाल जिलों में उत्थासू और नैनीताल जिले में हरिपुर बांध ।

(ख) रामगंगा परियोजना पर कार्य पूरे जोरों से चल रहा है। स्टिलिंग बेसिन और दो व्यपवर्तन सुरंगें पूर्ण हो चुकी हैं। अन्त में नदी को 1969-70 में सुरंगों के द्वारा व्यपवर्तित कर दिया गया और मुख्य बांध का निर्माण कार्य आरम्भ किया गया। 60 प्रतिशत से अधिक मिट्टी का काम पूर्ण किया जा चुका है।