

(b) A statement showing the composition and terms of reference of the Committee is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-5669/66].

(c) The Committee is likely to submit its report soon.

### **Bagmati Project**

**1518. Shri Bibhuti Mishra:  
Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha:**

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

(a) whether Government propose to start Bagmati project in the Districts of Champaran and Muzaffarpur (Bihar) during the Fourth Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed):**

(a) Yes.

(b) There are two schemes on the Bagmati river viz. (1) the Bagmati Irrigation Scheme and (2) the Bagmati Flood Control Scheme for execution in the Fourth Plan. Details are given below:—

#### **1. Bagmati Irrigation Scheme, District Muzaffarpur:**

The Bagmati Irrigation Scheme envisages the construction of a 1080 ft. long barrage near village Dewapur. The site of the proposed barrage is below the confluence of Lablekeya river and is at a distance of 12 miles from the Dheng Rly. Bridge. This Scheme has been planned into two Phases:—

Phase I of the Scheme provides a barrage, 50.5 miles long Main Canal and 125 miles long distributaries on the left and right bank of the river Bagmati at an estimated cost of Rs. 493.34 lakhs to benefit an area of 2.56 lakhs acres of paddy.

Phase II of the Scheme provides for the extension of Canal on the right bank and other allied works and will

benefit an additional area of 72,000 acres of land at an extra expenditure of Rs. 138.08 lakhs.

Thus if Phase I and Phase II of the scheme are implemented it will benefit an area of 3.28 lakhs acres of land in the districts of Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga and Champaran and the total cost involved is of the order of Rs. 631.42 lakhs.

#### **2. Bagmati Flood Control Scheme:**

The scheme envisages construction of 163 miles of embankments on both the banks of the Bagmati from its reaches above the Indo-Nepal Border upto Haya Ghat. The embankment system is provided with escapes and sluices at suitable points along its entire length to serve the interests of irrigation drainage. The area benefited from this scheme is 455 sq. miles in Bihar and 150 sq. miles in Nepal territory. The estimated cost of the scheme is Rs. 3.17 crores.

#### **Power Supply to Madhya Pradesh from Matatila Dam**

**1519. Shri Heda:  
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:**

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

(a) whether the U.P. Government have decided to stop the supply of power to Madhya Pradesh from the Matatila Dam;

(b) whether the decision was first taken in consultation with the Central Government; and

(c) Government's attitude in this regard?

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed):**

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.