

Rs. 45 crores is likely to be utilised during the periods of Second and Third Five Year Plans. The following are the factors mainly responsible for the shortfall in Utilisation:—

- (i) Non-availability of suitable land at reasonable cost;
- (ii) Shortage of essential building materials like cement, steel and bricks; and
- (iii) The lower priority given to Housing Schemes due to the Emergency.

**Economy in Expenditure**

**798. Shri M. L. Dwivedi:  
Shri P. C. Borooah:  
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:  
Shri Subodh Hansda:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:**

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

(a) whether any economy has been effected in the expenditure in his Ministry during the year 1965-66; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) Yes.

(b) Excluding the Trisuli Hydro-electric Project, which is being constructed in Nepal under the Indian Aid Programme, and the Farakka Barrage Project, early completion of which is in the national interest, a net saving of Rs. 125 lakhs is anticipated in the remaining budget provisions under the control of this Ministry. Apart from strict control over expenditure on tours, contingencies, filling up of vacant posts, the economy measures enforced consisted of:

- (i) Postponement of irrigation and Power Seminar; and

- (ii) reduction in expenditure on certain works.

**Co-ordination between Agriculture and Irrigation**

**799. Shri M. L. Dwivedi:  
Shri P. C. Borooah:  
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:  
Shri Subodh Hansda:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:**

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

(a) whether any directions have been issued to the State Governments in regard to having an effective co-ordination between the Departments of Agriculture and Irrigation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) Yes.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-5569/66].

**Relief Plans for Drought-affected States**

**800. Shri Warior:  
Shri Indrajit Gupta:  
Shri Vasudevan Nair:  
Shri Prabhat Kar:**

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed an integrated relief plan to provide necessary relief fund for relief works in the drought-affected States of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Mysore and Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.