

**Agartala Municipal Employees Demand**

2696. **Shri Biren Dutta** : Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received recently any charter of demands from Agartala Municipal Employees Union;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to dissatisfaction of the employees all the sanitary services of Agartala Municipality have deteriorated to the point of affecting the health of the people in the Municipal Area; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to check the deteriorating conditions of health and conservancy of services there ?

**The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. Sushila Nayar)** : (a) to (d). Information is being collected from the Government of Tripura and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as it is received.

**Loss due to Floods**

2697. **Shri Dharmalingam** : Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of loss in the shape of property, human lives, cattle lives and any other type of monetary losses to the country because of the floods during each of the last five years :

(b) the present Flood Control Schemes which are under operation and under planning;

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(c) when Government hope that these losses which occur every year could be minimised; and

(d) the amount spent on the Flood Control Schemes so far ?

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

(a) A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in library. See. No. LT-6824/66].

(b) Work taken up during the three Plans was mainly of short-term nature such as embankments, drainage schemes, river training and town protection works, raising of villages etc., to provide immediate protection to affected areas. These have mostly been completed and the rest will be completed in the Fourth Plan. Some long-term measures such as construction of reservoirs for flood moderation were also taken up and completed, the notable of these being the storages provided in the DVC Dams and Hirakud Dam. These are in operation.

The State Governments are preparing long-range plans for flood control and drainage, which envisage long-term measures such as storage Dams and detention Basins in addition to the short-term measures referred to above to provide a reasonable degree of protection to areas normally affected by floods.

(c) About one fourth of the area normally affected by floods has been protected by the schemes executed so far. The balance area is expected to be protected during the next 20-25 years depending upon the financial resources.

(d) The expenditure up to the end of the Third Five Year Plan on Flood control schemes etc., was about Rs. 150 crores.