

Holding of National Games in Karnataka

1423. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred so far by the Karnataka Government of the preparations of the National Games at Bangalore and Mysore;

(b) when the proposed National Games will be held;

(c) the total quantum of funds released so far by the Union Government;

(d) whether the Karnataka Government had sought additional Central financial assistance for this purpose;

(e) if so, the extent of the assistance sought for;

(f) whether the Union Government have released the additional funds sought for; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) and (b) The IVth National Games will be held from 18th May to 29th May, 1997. The total expenditure incurred so far by the Karnataka Government for preparation of these Games is about Rs. 73.00 crores.

(c) A grant of Rs. 8.00 crores has been released to Government of Karnataka for creation and modernisation of sports infrastructure for the National Games. Besides, a sum of Rs. 1.50 crores has been released to Sports Authority of India for further disbursement to Government of Karnataka for installation of Synthetic Hockey Field and Athletic Track at Bangalore and laying of Synthetic Surfaces for two indoor halls at Bangalore and Mysore.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The Government of Karnataka has sought an additional grant of Rs. 15.00 crores for the National Games.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Utilisation of Ganga Water

1424. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH :
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated quantum of water flowing in the river Ganga;

(b) the quantum of water being utilised for irrigation, drinking and industrial use, separately;

(c) the quantum of unutilised water which flows into the sea; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for the maxi-

mum utilisation of the water of river Ganga?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (c) The average annual flow in river Ganga in India is estimated to be 501643 million cubic metre. Out of this, a quantum of 2,50,000 million cubic metre is estimated to be available for utilisation. The quantity of water being utilised at present for various purposes is not available. However, the projected utilisation for various purposes for the year 2000 will be as under:

(i) Irrigation	-	150764 million cubic metre
(ii) Drinking	-	7900 Million cubic metre
(iii) Industries (including thermal & nuclear Power stations)	-	5870 million cubic metre

Total		164534 million cubic metre
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The unutilised water flows to Bangladesh.

(d) Efforts are made by the concerned State Governments to make optimum use of Ganga Water.

[English]

Private Sector in Construction of NHs

1425. DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have asked to States to take steps to involve the private sector in the construction of National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the State Governments thereto?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) Government has recently formulated the guidelines for taking up the projects on Build, Operate & Transfer basis under private sector participation. The states have been advised to identify the projects to be taken up under the scheme.

(c) The State Governments are forwarding proposals from time to time.

Cholera and Malaria

1426. SHRI KASHI RAM RANA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether diseases like Cholera and Malaria are the results of the failures of the public health system;

(b) whether these diseases spread due to the lack of prompt action by the Government;

(c) whether the Government have provided any compensation to the victims of these diseases, who suffer due to negligence of the Government; and