

[Sh Dinesh Goswami]

cannot sav anything...*(Interruptions)*

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER: Why are you making a noise?

[*English*]

This is most unseemly behaviour on your part.

*(Interruptions)*

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12.15 hrs.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR  
GRANTS (RAILWAYS) 1989-90

[*English*]

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): I beg to present a statement (Hindi and English versions) showing the Supplementary Demands for Grants in respect of the Budget (Railways) for 1988-89.

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2.15/12 hrs.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF  
URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

[*English*]

**Refusal by the DVC to release water for  
Irrigation purposes**

SHRI ANIL BASU(Arambagh): I call the attention of the Minister of Water Resources to the following matter of urgent public importance and request that he may make a statement thereon:

"The reported refusal by the Damodar Valley Corporation to release water for irrigation purposes thereby affecting

the standing crops in the Hooghly, Burdwan and Howrah districts of West Bengal and the steps taken by the Government in regard thereto."

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): Damodar Valley Project is a multipurpose project. The main uses of waters stored in the reservoirs are for irrigation, industrial and domestic water supply and power generation. The reservoirs built by the D.V.C. are operated as per the guidelines laid down in the Regulation Manual. A review of the water availability is carried out from time to time by the Damodar Valley Corporation Reservoir Regulation Committee and allocation of water decided for various uses and releases made accordingly.

A review made in December, 1988 indicated that water available for additional irrigation and power generation was 348 million cubic metres. Considering the additional requirements for irrigation and for power 271 million cubic metres were made available for irrigation of Boro crops after meeting committee requirements of Kharif and Rabi crops.

A further review was made on the request of the Government of West Bengal in early February, 1989. During the review it was unanimously agreed that considering the latest water availability, another 25 million cubic metres should be allocated for Boro crop.

From the above, it is clear that whatever best could be done under the prevailing circumstances has been done to supply water for Boro cultivation in West Bengal from the Damodar Valley Corporation reservoirs

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**At this stage, Shri M. Raghuma Reddy and some other hon. Members came and stood on the Floor near the Table**

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER: Whatever you are