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Construction of Dam over River Baitarani

442. SHRILOKANATH CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received from Orissa Government for construction of dam over Baitarani for flood control, irrigation and power in the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Union Government in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b). Bhimkund Multipurpose Project across river Baitarni received in November, 1980 was returned to the State Government in October, 1983 due to non-compliance of observations of Central Water Commission and for submission of a modified report.

Comprehensive Pension Scheme for Industrial Workers

443. SHRI LOKANATH CH-OUDHURY: SHRI RAM SAJIWAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a comprehensive pension scheme for industrial workers covered under the Employees Provident Fund Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the proposed pension scheme are yet to be finalised.

Ongoing Major and Medium Irrigation Projects of Orissa

444. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the ongoing major and medium irrigation projects in Orissa;

(b) the target dates set for the completion of those ongoing projects;

(c) the progress made as on 30 June, 1990;

(d) the steps taken to expedite projects; and

(e) the major irrigation projects to be executed in Orissa during the Eighth Five-Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) to (c). A Statement is given below.

(d) External assistance was arranged for execution of Upper Indravati, Mahanadi Birupa Barrage, Upper Kolab major projects and some medium projects.

(e) Eighth Five Year Plan proposals have not been finalised.