

[English]

Agreement with Nepal for Setting up Multi-purpose projects

*12. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of Nepal's Prime Minister to India any new agreement for setting up multi-purpose projects on Kosi, Karnali and Pancheshwar rivers was concluded between the two countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these projects are likely to be set up;

(c) whether the Union Government had sent a Project Report regarding construction of a multi-purpose High Dam in Varha region on River Kosi in 1981 and a survey of the entire Kosi Basin was conducted by the Japanese Experts on the request of the Government of Nepal;

(d) if so, the details thereof and its present stage of implementation;

(e) whether any discussions have been held with Nepal with regard to construction of multi-purpose damson Kamla, bagmat, Mahanada and Tistha rivers; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

•(d) to (f). Talks for taking up dams on

Kosi, Karnali, Pancheswar, Kamla and Bagmati were last held inconclusively in December, 1988. The river Tista originating in India joins Brahmaputra in Bangladesh and as such, no talks are required to be held for development on this river between India and Nepal.

[English]

Central Assistance for Flood Affected Areas in Orissa

*13. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:
SHRI CHITTA MAHATA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the extent of damage caused by recent floods and cyclone in Ganjam and other districts of Orissa;

(b) if so, the estimated loss caused to property, crops, human lives, cattle and number of persons rendered homeless in each district;

(c) the Central assistance sought by Orissa Government and given by the Union Government to meet the situation; and

(d) the action taken by the Union Government on the report submitted by the Central team which visited Orissa recently?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI DEVILAL):

(a) and (b). The State Government of Orissa have made assessment of the extent of damage caused by heavy rains and floods during 3rd—6th November, 1990 in the State. Details of damage are given in the Statement below.