

(a) whether the Vice-Chancellor of the North-Eastern Hill University tendered his resignation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Vice-Chancellor's resignation has been accepted?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) In early March, 1985, the Vice-Chancellor himself discovered mis-appropriation of University funds in which some key officials of the University were involved. Taking the view that he was morally responsible for the affairs of the University, the Vice-Chancellor tendered his resignation,

(c) No, Sir.

**Decline in Status of Indian Women and Equal Rights Between men and Women**

\*314. SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH MALIK:  
SHRI SUBHASH YADAV :

Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the 'Hindustan Times' dated 7 March, 1985 wherein it has been revealed by the National Status of women Committee that the status of Indian women has been declining steadily;

(b) whether it has also been revealed that 1981 census puts female participation through employment at 20.85 per cent but in 1961 it was 28 per cent; and

(c) if so, steps Government propose to take to ensure that men and women get equal opportunities in Government Services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) Yes, Sir. This is, however, due to the change in the definition of "employed women" as adopted by the Census in 1981. Though in 1961 women engaged in marginal and part employment were also treated as employed women, in 1981 they were excluded.

(c) Government has taken various measures as laid down in the National Plan of Action (1976) to ensure that men and women get equal opportunities in Government Services. As a result women are now getting a much larger share of employment in Government services than before.

[*Translation*]

**Extension of Kamla Wallan dam in Bihar**

\*315. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken steps to start the work to extend Kamla Wallan Dam in Bihar to Fuhiya, which is at present upto Kadhrum;

(b) whether it is a fact that standing crops in thousands of acres of land get damaged due to floods, and thousands of houses of poor persons collapse and cattle die due to floods; and

(c) the amount given by Union Government to the Government of Bihar for extending this dam and whether the former has given any directive to extend this dam to Fuhiya soon and if not, whether Union Government will take steps to extend this Dam soon with a view to protect life and property of lakhs of persons and crops worth crores of rupees?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The Government of Bihar have not taken up the work of