

इसके लिए क्या बंधियों का मोड़ और दिशाओं में किया जा सकता है जिससे कि बाढ़ न आए ?

DR. K. L. RAO : Flood control also consists of desilting some of the small rivers. For example, desilting of one of the channels in Midnapore, which the hon. Member mentioned, is being done. But it is not possible in the case of big rivers to have any desilting. Among the projects that have been mentioned there are a few projects where desilting is being done.

श्री रामावतार शास्त्री : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मित्रालय से नदियां निकलती है, वहां से बाढ़ आती है, इसके लिए उद्गम स्थान पर बाढ़ को रोकने के लिये क्या आपने चतुर्यं पंच वर्षीय योजना के अन्दर कोई योजना बनाई है ? यदि ऐसी व्यवस्था रखी है, तो वह क्या है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह नहीं पूछा कि बारिश को रोकने के लिए भी कोई काम किया है ।

DR. K. L. RAO : There is no proposal at present to construct any reservoirs on those rivers.

Delay in Completion of Swarna Project in Andhra Pradesh

*810. **SHRI GANGA REDDY :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the completion of 'Swarna Project' in Adilabad District of Andhra Pradesh has been delayed due to the dispute with Maharashtra Government involving about 450 acres of land coming under submergence ;

(b) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Central Government to settle this dispute ; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Central Government in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c). The matter was taken up with the Government of Maharashtra. Certain proposals regarding rehabilitation of the oustees in Maharashtra on lands in Andhra Pradesh are being examined by the two State Governments.

SHRI GANGA REDDY : This project was started in 1959, that is, about 13 years back. A sum of about Rs. 80 lakhs has been spent. It seems the Government of Andhra Pradesh has proposed to give land for land or cash compensation according to the Maharashtra Land Acquisition Act. Even then, the dispute is lingering on for the last so many years. May I know the reasons for the same ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : It is true this project has not been completed because of not acquiring the land in the Maharashtra region. We have been corresponding with the State Governments and the proposals have not yet been finalised.

SHRI GANGA REDDY : May I know how much time is required to settle the dispute ?

DR. K. L. RAO : There are some proposals which have been made by the Chief Minister of Maharashtra with regard to the acquisition of land and those are being discussed with the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and, I hope, it should be possible to settle the dispute in the course of the year.

SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA : May I know out of the submerged area in Maharashtra how much is under cultivation and how much is on the river belt ?

DR. K. L. RAO : Apart from the river belt, 450 acres of land will be submerged in the Maharashtra region.

SHRI MALLIKARJUN : The Kadern project which was started in 1949 still remains incomplete. May I know from the hon. Minister the reasons for that ?

DR. K. L. RAO : The project which the hon. Member has mentioned is different from the one to which this Question relates. This is about the Swarna Project which has been completed except for the acquisition of land in the Maharashtra region.