

MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The Himalayan Development component of the National Perspectives, envisages, inter-linking canal system for Kosi, Gandak, Ghagra rivers, etc. and Brahmaputra-Ganga link to benefit large areas in need of water.

[English]

#### **Specialized Packaging in F.P.I.**

7061. SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the Food Processing Industries where specialized packaging is necessary, especially for the export market;

(b) the steps being taken for aiding these industries and encouraging them towards more specialized packaging; and

(c) the names of countries/companies identified suitable for collaboration for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Among other items, specialised packaging, especially for export market, is needed in processed fruit and marine products.

(b) Relief in duties on specialised packaging equipments and materials are available. Various plan schemes have been formulated for the year 1990-91 for the development of packaging industry.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

#### **Rani Avanti Bai Sagar Project**

7062. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the construction work of the Rani Avanti Bai Sagar Project, Madhya Pradesh started and the time by which it is scheduled to be completed;

(b) whether there is any cost escalation due to delay in completion of the project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) The work on the project was started in 1979. It is programmed by the State for completion in 1995.

(b) and (c). The cost of the project at time of the techno-economic appraisal in 1989 has been estimated as Rs. 566.34 crores. The project is yet to obtain clearance from the environmental angle and the approval of the Planning Commission.

[English]

#### **Functioning of Drugs Department of Super Bazar**

7063. SHRI RAM SAGAR (Saidpur): Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of important medicines like Dionil remain out of stock continuously for a number of days from Drugs Department of Super Bazar;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the steps taken to improve the functioning of Drugs Department;

(d) the number of letter received from the M.Ps by his Ministry and the Super Bazar on the functioning of Drugs/Medicine Department; and

(e) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b). Every effort is made by the Super Bazar, Delhi to make available all important life saving and commonly demanded medicines through its Drug Departments. But on account of short supply or due to excessive demand, the availability of particular medicine may not be commensurate with the demand at times. There was a temporary shortage of Dionil for 5 days (26.3.90 to 30.3.90) in Super Bazar on account of unprecedented demand from the CGHS due to their employees strike.

(c) In order to streamline and improve the working of Drugs Department, Assistant General Manager (Drugs) and Manager (Drugs) have been freshly appointed in the Super Bazar, Delhi.

(d) No letter seems to have been received from Hon'ble MPs on the functioning of Drugs Department of Super Bazar either in the Department or in the Super Bazar since December, 1989.

(e) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

#### **Sidhmukh and Nohar Projects**

7064. SHRI SHOPAT SINGH  
MAKKASAR:  
SHRI BEGA RAM:

Will the Minister of WATER

RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sidhmukh and Nohar projects in Rajasthan were sanctioned long back by the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, the time by which these projects are likely to be completed and the expenditure to be incurred thereon; and

(c) the details of the amount likely to be provided as central subsidy for the projects and the area of land to be irrigated therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) No, Sir. The Central Water Commission have however techno-economically accepted the Sidhmukh Project (cost Rs. 103 crores, annual irrigation 33,620 ha.) and the Nohar Project (cost Rs. 40.59 crores, annual irrigation 13,665 ha.) and recommended to the Planning commission for investment clearance.

(b) and (c). In view of large spill-over commitment of on-going major and medium irrigation projects, the State Government has been requested by the Planning Commission to indicate the priority to be given by the State for the projects within the availability of resources for its 8th Plan.

#### **Export of Cotton Bales**

7065. PROF. MAHADEO SHIWANKAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Cotton Federation has requested Union Government to accord permission for exporting three lakh cotton bales from Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Union Government in this regard;