

क्या या ओर उसके पश्चात् भूमि को समतल करने का कार्य पूरा नहीं किया गया;

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि जमीन को समतल करने का कार्य को पूरा न किये जाने के परिणामस्वरूप पाइप लाइनें टूट गई हैं और पापी के चारों ओर से रिसने के कारण मलैरिया, पीलिया और कालाजार आदि जैसे विभिन्न रोग फैल गये हैं; और

(ङ) यदि हाँ, तो सरकार ने अब तक क्या उपचारी कदम उठाये हैं ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री प्रमोद सिंह) :

(क) सरकार को बिहार में गंगा के जल से हुए प्रदूषण के परिणामस्वरूप किसी भी प्रकार की महामारी होने की जानकारी नहीं है ।

(ख) गंगा कार्य योजना के अंतर्गत गंगा नदी के प्रदूषण के निवारण के लिए बिहार में (एक लाख से अधिक जनसंख्या वाले) श्रेणी I के 4 नगरों के लिए 45 स्कीमें स्वीकृत की गई हैं । इनमें से 35 स्कीमें अब तक पूरी हो चुकी हैं और शेष 9 स्कीमों में कार्य प्रगति पर है ।

(ग) और (घ) जी, नहीं ।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Remarks by Western countries on Narmada Sagar and other projects

1383. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA-
KANT BHANDARE :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether during his recent visits to Finland, Germany and England he sternly deprecated some western countries' remarks about the Narmada Sagar and other projects as interference in India's internal affairs;

(b) if so, the details of the remarks and reservations referred to by him indicating source and content of the remarks; and

(c) what is the respective Governments' reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (c) The Narmada issue also figured in the wide ranging discussions during the recent visit to Finland, Germany and United Kingdom. The Indian stand that "Right to Development" is one of the most basic human rights was reiterated and it was made clear that while technical help and constructive suggestions for environmental protection will be appreciated, it would be difficult to tolerate outside interference in projects which form part of the national goals and priorities of the Government of India.

The United Kingdom and German delegation appreciated India's stand point.

Botanical Gardens

1384. DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the deteriorating conditions of the Botanical Gardens in the country;

(b) what measures are being taken for their development and preservation; and

(c) what is the annual expenditure being incurred on the Botanical gardens ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) No serious deterioration has been observed in the botanical gardens in the country. However, environmental pollution is a source of damage to plants in the gardens particularly in the industrialised metropolitan areas.

(b) and (c) The botanic gardens under the control of the Botanical Survey of India are being developed through enrichment of new introductions of rare and endemic plants and developing orchidaria, green houses, tissue culture laboratories and seed banks. In addition, a scheme for providing assistance to the Botanic Gardens and Field Centres for the conservation and propagation of endemic, rare and endangered plants has been taken up to