

Expenditure incurred on the National Rural Employment Programme

457. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what Was the amount on the National Rufal Employment Programme during the period from July, 1985 to September, 1986; and

(b) what is the number of persons who have been benefited by the said programme during the above-mentioned period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) As per reports received so far, a total amount of Rs. 721- 46 crores was spent on implementation of NREP during July, 1985 to September, 1986 including the value of foodgrains.

(b) The employment generation under the programme is monitored in terms of number of mandays created and not in terms of persons benefited. The employment generated under the programme during the period comes to 478. 32 million mandays.

Progress of Indo-Bangladesh talks of sharing of Ganga waters

458. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any ' official level meeting between India and Bangladesh Was, held in the first week of October, 1986 to resume negotiations for the sharing of the Ganga Waters in New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what Was the outcome thereof indicating the progress made in this regard over the memorandum of understanding signed in

November last year ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The meeting held at the first of December, 1986 was the sixth meeting of the Indo-Bangladesh Joint Co-I mmittee of Experts, and the purpose of the meeting was to carry further the joint study for Working out a long term scheme or schemes for the augmentation of the flows of Ganga at Farakka. The JCE took note of the response received from the HMG of Nepal to the communication sent to them and agreed to visit Kathmandu in the last week of October, 1986 for the purpose of seeking the information and data needed from them for the above mentioned joint study. The Joint Committee of Experts also discussed different a specs of other possibilities for the augmentation of the flows of Ganga at Farakka.

Second stage of the Indira Gandhi Canal

459. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: SHRIMURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the second stage of the Indira Gandhi Canal in Thar area of Rajasthan has been approved by the Planning Commission;

(b) if not, what are the reasons for the delay in its clearance; and

(c) what are the details of the second stage of the project together with the its estimated cost ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The second revised estimate of the Indira Gandhi Nahar Project Stage-II, has been] found techno-economically viable

by the Advisory Committee of the Planning Commission subject to certain observations which have been conveyed to the State Government in June, 1986, for compliance.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Second Stage of the Project envisages construction of the Indira Gandhi Main Canal from KM 393 to KM 649, provision of annual irrigation of 81 lakh ha. through flow canals and 6 lift schemes, and provision of 0-65 MAF of Water for drinking and industrial purposes, at a total cost of Rs. 943. 24 crores.

Captive power plants for mining Project

460. SHRI K. MOHANAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

/ (a) whether Government propose to equip all major public sector mining projects with their own captive power plants; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAMDULARI SINHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

World Bank assistance for public sector fertilizer projects

461. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has extended financial assistance for conducting research and study of performance and evaluation in respect of different public sector fertiliser projects;

(b) if so, what are the details of the research and study contemplated to be made in respect of various fertiliser projects; and

(c) what steps are being taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) to (c) The World Bank has not given any loan for conducting research and study of performance of public sector fertilizer projects. However, it has granted a loan of US % 200, 000 for financing a study to determine whether the scope of Management Information System in the Department of Fertilisers can be enlarged.

World Bank loan for fertilizer plant at Aonla, U. P.

462. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has granted a loan for setting up a gas-based fertiliser plant at Aonla in Uttar Pradesh and certain other Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperation projects; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The World Bank has granted a loan of U. S. % 152 million to Indian Farmers' Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd.; US \$ 112 million for their Aonla Project and US \$ 40 million for modernisation of their existing production units at Phulpur, Kandla. and Kalol.