

have taken to protect their pay and seniority?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) and (b) Consistently with the Government's intention to progressively wind up sections of the Department as and when the assigned item of work contracts or gets completed, 24 employees out of the 690 existing as on 1-5-1978 have been so far either absorbed in other Ministries and Departments or adjusted in the Department of Rehabilitation itself and the Department has 666 employees as on 30-11-1978.

(c) The employees of the Department as and when rendered surplus will be considered for appropriate absorption elsewhere, their pay and seniority being governed by the applicable rules.

Master Plan for North Bengal Rivers

*259. SHRI PRASENJIT BARMAN:
SHRI JAHARLAL BANER-
JEE:
SHRI T. BASHEER:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the West Bengal Government have submitted to the Central Government any master plan for all the North Bengal rivers for flood control measures and for purposes like the generation of power;

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

(c) what decision the Central Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) to (c) The Master Plan for all the North Bengal Rivers has not yet been received from the West Bengal Government. The State Government have,

however, sent a Master Plan of a preliminary nature for the Torsa River, which was considered in the Central Water Commission and comments thereon have been sent to the State Government. The Plan is yet to be considered by the Joint Consultants of the North Bengal Control Commission and by the Commission before the State Government approves and submits the same to the Centre.

F.C.I. and its Workers

*260. SHRI G. C. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI PATITPABAN
PRADHAN:
SHRI BHAIKAB CHANDRA
MAHANTI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual turn over of the Food Corporation of India;

(b) what is the number of food depots the F.C.I. has at present;

(c) what is the strength of the permanent staff, including officers, in the Corporation;

(d) what is the number of workers employed by the Corporation;

(e) whether all these workers are regular employees of the Corporation, and

(f) if not, under what system the labour has been working in the Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRASAD SINGH): (a) For the year ending 31st March, 1978 Rs. 490.00 crores.

(b) 2181.

(c) 54585.