

Water-logging in the Kosi Project

1782. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the steps which Government have taken to prevent water-logging in the Kosi Project; and

(b) the total acreage of additional land which is likely to be provided with irrigation facilities as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) to prevent water-logging in Kosi project, the Government of Bihar have taken the following steps:-

(i) resectioning and regrading of main drainage channels in Kosi Command area;

(ii) constructing subsidiary surface drain in chaur and other low lying areas; and

(iii) erecting drainage sluices in Kosi embankments.

(b) Irrigation facilities are likely to increase to an area of 2.13 lakh acres.

Procurement of books published in Sindhi language from Pakistan

1783. SHRI KRISHNA KRIPALANI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of books in Sindhi are published in Pakistan which Sindhi readers and scholars in India are not in a position to secure directly; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to make arrangements with the Government of Pakistan for ensuring a regular import of the books published in the Sindhi language in Pak-

istan and making the same available in some selected libraries for the benefit of the readers and scholars of the Sindhi language in India?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) Sindhi readers and scholars in India have not brought to the notice of Government any difficulties in obtaining Sindhi books from Pakistan.

(b) Does not arise.

Schemes suggested by the U.G.C. for development of colleges under different universities

1784. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the different development schemes for colleges as approved by the University Grants Commission; and

(b) what is the number of colleges which have been given assistance by the University Grants Commission under the development schemes for undergraduate education during the fifth Five Year Plan period in the Eastern, Western, Northern and Southern regions and what is the amount given to the colleges in each region?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) and (b) The required information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Role of the University Grants Commission

1785. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state: