

Nationalisation of sugar Industry

88. SHRI GUNANAND THAKUR:
SHRI BHAIYA RAM MUNDA:
SHRI N. P. CHAUDHARI:
SHRI SAN AT KUMAR RAHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 490 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th May, 1975 and state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision with regard to the nationalisation of the sugar industry;

(b) if so, when it is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The reasons mainly are :—

The sizeable financial outlays required as also the large number of trained and experienced personnel to competently manage the affairs so as not to affect the present level of production and the pressing need to maintain and improve the export potential.

Expenditure on Kosi Project

89. SHRI GUNANAND THAKUR:
SHRI N. P. CHAUDHARI:
SHRI BHAIYA RAM MUNDA:

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

(a) what is the expenditure so far incurred by the Central Government on the Kosi Project;

(b) whether any scheme for the rehabilitation of the people affected by the embankments of the Kosi Project was included in the project; and

(c) if so, the details of relief provided to the affected people and ex-

penditure incurred by Government on that account?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI K. N. SINGH): (a) Irrigation is a State subject and Irrigation projects are financed by the State Governments themselves-The total loan assistance given to Bihar Government for Kosi Project (including for flood control works) during 1954—69 amounted to Rs. 68.16 crores. During the Fourth Five Year Plan and the first two years of the Fifth Plan, Central assistance to the States was given in the form of block loans and grants for the Plan as a whole and was not related to any particular sector of development or scheme. The anticipated expenditure on the Kosi Barrage and Eastern and Western Kosi canals (including Nepal portion) by the end of 1975-76 would be Rs. 84.37 crores (excluding flood control works). So far payment of Rs. 7.34 crores has been made to the Bihar Government towards the cost for the Nepal portion of the Western Kosi Canal.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) 22,000 families have been rehabilitated. 2916 acres of land have been acquired for rehabilitating the displaced persons. House building grants amounting to Rs. 150 lakhs have been given and about Rs. 8.5 lakhs have been spent on providing common facilities against the estimated expenditure of Rs. 2.13 crores.

Distribution of land to landless under 20 point programme

90. SHRI GUNANAND THAKUR: SHRI BHAIYA RAM MUNDA: SHRI N. P. CHAUDHARI: SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 55 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th January, 1976, and state the progress so far made in the distribution