

Government for transhipment of food-grains?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) No.

(b) The number of indents placed and wagons loaded during August to November 1973 were as indicated below:

	Number of indents placed	Number of wagons loaded
(i) Rice from Orissa to West Bengal	537	513
(ii) Wheat from Visakhapatnam to West Bengal	390	388

Damage to Ukai [Hydro-Electric] Power House

1226, SHRI YOGENDRA M. KALANIYA: SHRI S. S. RAHIM KALANIYA:

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

(a) whether the Ukai Hydro-electric Power House is damaged due to water leakage at the Ukai reservoir;

(b) if so, what is the extent of damage to the Ukai dam and to the power plant and its machinery as a result thereof;

(c) if so, what is the estimated time for commissioning of the Hydroelectric project and how long it is delayed due to recent damage; and

(d) what are the details of the report of the expert team sent to Ukai by the Central Government?

J. K. DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (PROF. S. S. RAHIM KALANIYA): (a) and (b) As a result of water leakage through the gate shall the generating unit No. IV, the generating plant and auxiliary equipment of Unit No. 1 got damaged. The extent of damage is being assessed. There is no damage to the Dam.

(c) The Unit No. 1 which was scheduled to be commissioned in January 1974, will now be delayed by about three months.

(d) The Central team that inspected the site has recommended improvements to the gate shaft.

Kosi Project

1227. SHRI M. K. MEHTA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) The cost of the Kosi Project estimated originally; and

(b) the number of times the estimated cost was revised; the final cost estimated. The reasons for the revision in the cost of the project?

J. K. DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (PROF. S. S. RAHIM KALANIYA): (a) The Kosi Project was originally estimated to cost Rs. 476.10 Crores.

The estimate was proposed to be revised in the State Government four times. The revised estimate has been sanctioned so far.

The cost of the Kosi Project revised estimate (1972) is Rs. 111.01 Crores. The main reasons for revision in the estimated cost of the Project are:

1. general rise in the cost of materials, land and labour wages over the period;

2. construction of additional distributaries from the main canal;

3. extra expenditure on flood protection and anti-erosion measures;

4. inescapable payments to Nepal on account of land acquisition;

(i) construction of additional bridges; and

7. Construction of silt ejector and settling basin.