

UKAI PROJECT

866. SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that due to delay in delivery of hydro-turbines and other electrical equipments the UKAI project has not been commissioned; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in supply of machinery ; and

(c) the time by when the turbines and other equipments would be made available for the project?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main reasons for delay against committed deliveries are reported to be :

(i) Difficulties in procuring components of the quality needed from indigenous sources;

(ii) The need to import the steel plates required in view of the difficult supply position from the Rourkela Steel Plant.

(c) The completion and despatch dates for the units are as follows—

1st Unit	July, 1973
2nd Unit.		Octbir, 1973
3rd Unit.		June, 1974
4th Unit.		Feb., 1975

DAMAGE DUE TO EROSION BY GANGA IN MURSHIDABAD

867. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have assessed the total loss caused due to Ganga erosion in the District of Murshidabad, West Bengal before the construction of Farakka Barrage and after its construction particularly in the Farakka Block-Samserganj Block, Sati II Block and Raghunathganj Block II; and

(b) the number of persons and families rendered on this account?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) and (b) According to the assessment made by the Government of West Bengal, the land lost due to erosion from 1947 to 1969 (before the completion of Farakka Barrage) and from 1969 to 1972 (after the completion of Farakka Barrage) in the various blocks is as follows :—

	1947 -1969	1969 -1972
	(in hectares)	
Farakka block	3000	1000
Samserganj block	4000	1000
Sati II block	2500	6000
Raghunathganj block II	1250	6250

The number of persons and families rendered homeless on this account approximately as follows :

	1947—69		1969—72	
	Number of persons rendered homeless	Number of families rendered homeless	Number of persons rendered homeless	Number of families rendered homeless
Farakka block	7000	1400	3000	600
Samserganj block	17000	3000	4500	900
Sati II block	5000	1000	9000	1800
Raghunathganj block II	6000	750	34000	4200